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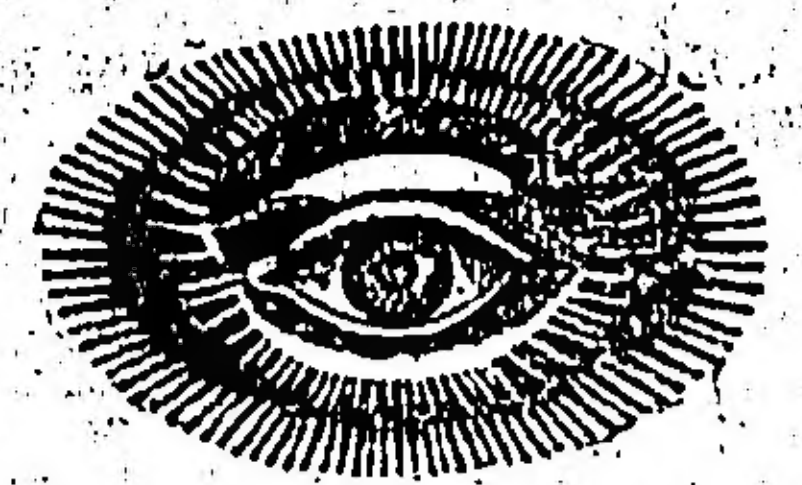
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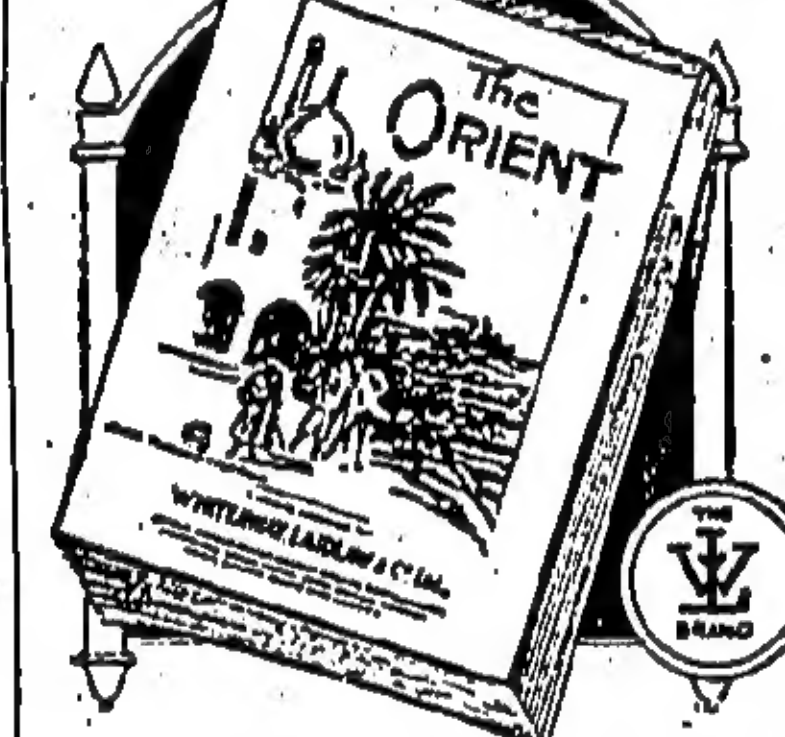
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HOME SECRETARY'S HINT.

SOVIET MISCHIEF IN CHINA.

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Further light was thrown on Moscow's intrigues, especially in China and Britain, during the debate in the House of Commons yesterday on the Government's decision to cancel the Trade Agreement with the Soviet.

The Home Secretary announced that he possessed a photographic copy produced in Arcos Building of the missing War Office document which had led to the raid.

He said he also possessed the names and addresses of most of the Soviet spies in Britain and, in answer to a question, hinted that arrests might soon be made.

During the debate the Foreign Secretary described the Soviet's anti-British campaign in China, recalling the Shamen shooting and other incidents engineered by the Russians.

The British Government, said Sir Austen Chamberlain, had continued relations with the Soviet until they had become a hollow sham. The Soviet Government had shown itself incorrigible.

The British Government would no longer take the responsibility of maintaining diplomatic relations which were so abused that they were a source of irritation and danger.

The Government took the Labour motion as a vote of censure. The motion was defeated by 367 to 118 votes, and a Conservative amendment approving the Government's action was carried by 357 votes to 111.

FEAR OF THE REDS.

White Paper "A Comic Publication."

London, May 26.

In the House of Commons the debate on the Labour motion evoked as much interest as Mr. Stanley Baldwin's statement on May 24. The debate was followed by a number of prominent diplomats, also by Mr. Patel, Speaker of the Indian Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Clynes, submitting the motion, declared that the Government was giving one of the finest world advertisements to the Communists and strengthening their propaganda. The Labour Party were very concerned about the business standpoint.

Mr. Clynes referred to the £10,000,000 credit for which he stated the Midland Bank had almost concluded arrangements but which had been repudiated immediately the Soviet learnt of the raid.

Mr. Clynes stated that the orders under this credit would have provided work for 50,000 men in the engineering and metal trades for a whole year.

Mr. Clynes described the White Paper with the evidence against the Soviet as "a bright, diverting comic publication."

He could not have thought the Government was so frightened of the few tipsy sailors mentioned therein as the White Paper would have them believe.

A Hollow Sham.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said that trade with Russia did not depend on the Trade Agreement or the diplomatic connection, but henceforth the Russians would not enjoy special privileges and would not be permitted to continue their illicit activities.

The Government regarded the motion as a vote of censure.

Only one Government had refused to co-operate in the work of reconciliation and pacification bound up with the League of Nations and Locarno, and had on the other hand, sought to hinder it.

That Government was as hostile to the League and all it stood for as it was to that other great League of Nations—the British Empire.

The British Government had continued relations till they had

become a hollow sham. The Soviet Government had shown itself incorrigible.

The British Government would no longer take the responsibility of maintaining diplomatic relations which were so conducted and abused that they were not an instrument of peace but a fresh and continual irritation. (Ministerial cheers.)

A Leap in the Dark.

Mr. David Lloyd George (Liberal) said he did not think the Government ought to have gone to extreme limits. They might have withdrawn the privileges conferred by the trade agreement and deported persons possessing documents infringing the Trade Agreement, but the Government's action was "the gravest thing ever done by this country short of embarking on war. The Government had taken a leap in the dark into a whirlpool."

Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, replying to the debate, said he possessed a photographic copy produced in Arcos Building of the missing War Office document, the loss of which had led to the raid.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks said that this document was of an important and secret character. Its contents would undoubtedly be useful to any foreign Power getting hold of it. He also possessed the names and addresses of most of the Soviet spies in Britain, also a considerable number of the questionnaires they used. The Soviet spy system in Britain was one of the most complete and most nefarious he had ever met.

A Hint of Arrests.

Asked why no arrests were made Sir W. Joynson-Hicks said that if the House approved of the Government's decision M. Rosenholz would receive a despatch from His Majesty's Government to-morrow, after which he (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks) would be in a position to decide on what course to take.

Loud Ministerial cheers greeted this hint of forthcoming arrests.

The closure was applied to the debate.

The Labour motion was defeated by 367 to 118 votes.

A Conservative amendment to the Labour motion, approving of the Government's decision to break with the Soviet, was adopted by 357 votes to 111.

The same amendment was made a substantive motion and adopted by 346 votes to 98.

Reuter.

THE IDOL OF PARIS.

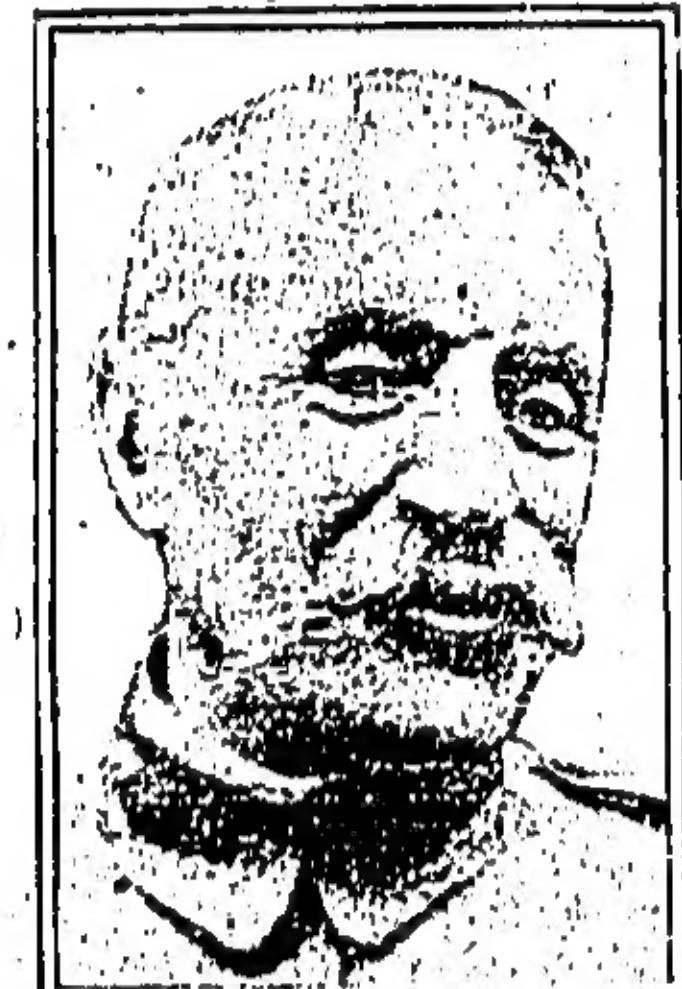
Fresh Honours For
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MARSHAL FOCH'S HUMOUR.

Paris, May 26.

Captain Lindbergh has been feted for four days uninterruptedly and enthusiastically for the young "Columbus of the Air" shows no signs of dying down.

Marshal Foch received Captain Lindbergh at his house this morning, and gave him his photograph, remarking smilingly:



MARSHAL FOCH

"It is not the photograph of a pretty woman but of a sincere friend."

Captain Lindbergh subsequently called on Marshal Joffre and on General Gouraud, the Military Governor of Paris.

He had lunch with M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, at the Quai d'Orsay, then drove in state where he was given a public reception.—Reuter.

Another Prize.

Los Angeles, May 26.
The Hollywood theatre owner, Mr. Sidney Grauman, has offered a prize of G.\$30,000 for a non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Tokyo.—Reuter's American Service.

British Airmen's Descent.

Basra, May 26.
The British airmen Carr and Gillman have arrived. Interviewed by Reuter they attributed their descent to engine trouble and lack of petrol, of which there was sufficient for another seven hours.—Reuter.

MISCHIEF IN CHINA.

Inciting Workers Against Foreigners.

London, May 26.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, referring to China, traced Bolsheviki activities there since early in 1923, when the Executive of the Third International instructed the Central Committee of the Chinese Communists to prepare to strike a heavy blow against foreign imperialism and complained that the Chinese Communists were not sufficiently attending to sabotage in foreign establishments.

Sir Austen Chamberlain outlined the anti-foreign instructions given to M. Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador to Peking, and his exhortation to the Chinese Government to tear up treaties.

Sir Austen Chamberlain also mentioned M. Karakhan's orders (which had been intercepted) to the local committee in Shanghai to organise strikes in Japanese factories and to incite the workers.

The Communist International next notified the Kuomintang to pursue the struggle against British and Japanese relations, but to avoid as far as possible encounters with American, Italian and French interests.

The International further advised the cultivation of indignation against missionary schools with the object of the dismissal of missionaries.

Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed the belief that the order to fire on the British and French Concessions at Shamen was almost certainly given by Russians.—Reuter.

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TYPHOON AT MANILA.

Manila, May 26.
Fifteen provinces in North Luzon have been cut off from Manila by a typhoon.
Two seaplanes were wrecked in Manila Bay while a steamer, rammed one of the piers.—Reuter.

HANKOW'S COLLAPSE.

SMASHING HONAN DEFEAT.

BORODIN'S REPORTED FLIGHT.

COMMUNIST UNIONS RAIDED.

LABOUR LEADERS EXECUTED.

REDS' WUCHANG TROOPS REVOLT.

To-day's wireless news from Hankow reports further dramatic developments. The Communist troops have suffered a smashing defeat in Honan, practically the whole of the 8th. army being wiped out.

Upon the receipt of this news, Comrade Borodin and seven of his Russian subordinates hurriedly left the city for the South Bank and are now believed to be in flight.

Without loss of time a general movement was begun in Hankow to clear out the Reds and a coup on much the same lines as that at Canton was promptly carried into effect.

The Communist unions in the city were raided, union leaders were executed, anti-Chiang Kai-shek posters were removed, and a meeting of employers was convoked.

The Hankow "Government's" troubles, it is also reported, have been further increased by the revolt of Communist troops at Wuchang. The capture of Changsha by Chiang Kai-shek is now confirmed.

While the Northerners are advancing against Hankow, Chiang Kai-shek's troops are rapidly advancing into former Northern territory, being assisted, apparently, by mutiny in Sun Chuan-fang's forces.

Encouraged by Chiang Kai-shek's guarantees of security, American missionaries are returning to Nanking. A curious item in the news is the dressing of Chinese warships for the Queen's birthday.

THE TIDE OF WAR.

A Hankow Army Wiped Out.

Hankow, May 26.

The Hankow (Communist) troops have suffered a severe reverse with heavy casualties on the Honan front where they have been endeavouring to stem the advance of the Fengtien (Northern) troops.

Practically the whole of the 8th Army has been wiped out. When the news was received in Hankow there were hurried preparations amongst the Russians for departure and, shortly afterwards, Borodin and seven of his Russian subordinates left for the South Bank where, it is understood, arrangements were in hand for their departure.

Closing of Unions.
A general move was at once begun on receipt of the news to pull down all anti-Chiang Kai-shek posters and streamers, and an armed posse called on owners whose employers were striking, and invited the proprietors to attend a meeting to discuss closing up the Unions which have been notoriously Red.

This was followed by a round up of the Labour Unions, with the exception of the Merchants Union, very much on the same lines as the anti-Red round ups organised recently in districts under Chiang Kai-shek's control.

Red Labour Union leaders who were caught were executed and the remainder disappeared.

All posters have been removed from the native city and Settlement and Nationalist flags, except on public buildings, are absent.

An Agreement With Chiang.
It is understood that an agreement has been arrived at between Chiang Kai-shek and the Hankow Government and that the Red element at Hankow has left.

The anti-Red measures are evidently the result of this arrangement, although one of the reasons that is being put forward is the looting and burning of missionary premises in the neighbourhood, which occurred on Tuesday.

Red Troops Rebel.
The position of the Hankow authorities is further complicated by the fact that the Communist troops at Wuchang are in revolt.

The reports as to the occupation of Changsha by troops loyal to Chiang Kai-shek is confirmed. The troops were those ordered to advance from Hengchow and Tso Tso-yin's troops from Shaoh. They occupied Changsha concurrently on Saturday last.—British Naval Wireless.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLARS.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

CHIANG'S ADVANCE.

A 100 Miles North of Yangtse In Kiangsu.

Chinkiang, May 26.

Coinciding with the reverse of the Hankow Communists and the apparent advance of the Fengtien, the Southerners under Chiang Kai-shek's orders between Nanking and Chinkiang are advancing rapidly into formerly Northern territory, justifying the apprehension which, as reported yesterday, is being felt in the provinces of Shantung and Chihli, which separate them from Peking.

The Southerners have advanced beyond Kaoyu, nearly 100 miles North of the Yangtse in Kiangsu, their advance without opposition being apparently due to mutiny in the ranks of the Northern (Sun Chuan-fang's) forces.—British Naval Wireless.

Reds Cleared Out.

Kiukiang, May 26.
The troops of the 3rd Army, loyal to Chiang Kai-shek, have arrived here, replacing the Red troops here and those at Nanchang comprised in the 6th Army which left some days ago. These districts are now entirely cleared of the Red element.

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs under the Red regime has left.—British Naval Wireless.

Feng's Claim Disproved.
Shanghai, May 26.

The report that Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") had captured Cheng Chow is contradicted.—British Naval Wireless.

[Cheng Chow is on the borders of Honan and Shansi, some 300 miles North of the present Hankow debacle. If Feng had captured it in the interests of the Communists, he would have facilitated their retreat in the event of their forces being surrounded on all other sides.]

NANKING SAFE.

American Missionaries Now Returning.

Pukow, May 26.

It was reported ashore to-day that American missionaries, placid confidence in the assurances of Chiang Kai-shek as to respecting the safety of foreigners, have returned to Nanking.

Chinese Warships "Dressed".
On the occasion of Queen Mary's birthday to-day, Chinese cruisers present dressed ship, masthead flags, with the white ensign at the main.—British Naval Wireless.

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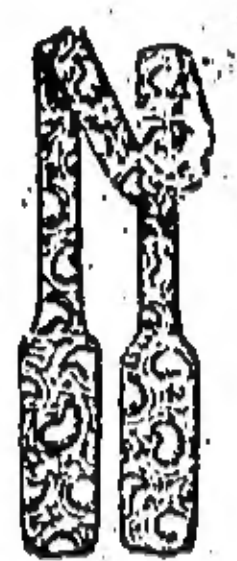
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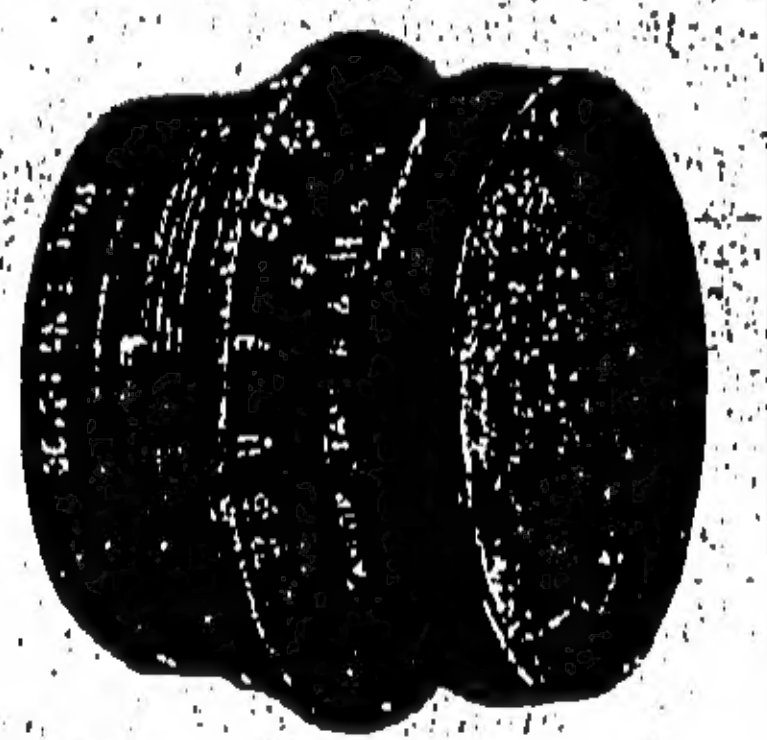
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VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

JUNE 3 PREPARATIONS.

Orders for the week (issued to-day) for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read as follows:—

King's Birthday Parade, 3rd June, 1927.

The Corps will take part in the above mentioned parade which will take place at 8.45 a.m. at Happy Valley. All members who are willing to turn out will give their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible.

Rendezvous at Happy Valley Football ground at 8.10 a.m.

Special Trams will leave the East Bound Stopping Place foot of Garden Road.

Dress: Review Order Khaki, Helmet, khaki jacket, medals, shorts, puttees, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform dressed in the kilt, as for G.O.C.'s Inspection, wearing helmets.

Artillery and Armoured Car Companies will conform wearing shorts, bandoliers, belt and bayonet.

Dress for Officers.

All Officers attending the King's Birthday Parade on 3rd June as spectators will dress in Review Order Khaki.

Practice Parade:—Monday, 30th May, 1927.

Parade at the Football ground.

Special trams will leave the East Bound Stopping Place foot of Garden Road at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Uniform, as detailed above for 3rd June, 1927.

Recruits Parade.

All recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st May for Musketry Instruction.

Dress: Uniform optional, belt, braces and pouches, rifle and bayonet.

Signal Class.

Trained Men of No. 4 Platoon and those attending signal class from other units will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd June, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Mufti.

Artillery Co.

Except Corps Parades as ordered for 30th May and 3rd June in connection with the King's Birthday Parade, no parades for the Artillery Company will be held till further orders. The Winter Training will commence in the first week of September, 1927.

Armoured Car Co.

Motor Cyclist Section. A tactical ride will take place in the New Territories on Sunday, 29th May, 1927. All members are requested to attend.

Parade at Railway Station. Kowloon at 10 a.m. Dress: Tunics, breeches, puttees, helmets and belt.

All N.C.O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 a.m. on Thursday, 2nd June for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Infantry Co.

On Friday, 27th May at 5.30 p.m. all N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O. C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of Training in Vickers Gun. The classes will continue to assemble every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

Scottish Co.

Sunday, 28th May. Teams from all platoons will compete for the "Dyer Cup" at Stonecutters Range. Firing commences at 10 a.m.

Range Officer: Lieut. K. S. Morrison. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 1.10 a.m.

Dress: Helms, tunics, shorts, flashes, khaki hose, short puttees, boots, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches and rifle.

Judge: Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray. D.S.O. M.C.

Conditions: 8 men from each platoon for Part II. Musketry, 8 men from each platoon for Attack Competition, 1 N.C.O. and 2 men from each platoon for Lewis Gun Competition.

Tuesday, 31st May. Special Vickers Gun Class. The following Officers: "N.C.O.'s" and men will parade every Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for class Machine Gun Training. This will be the commencement of a course of special classes in Vickers Machine Gun Instruction.

Headquarters: Cant. D. C. Logan, M.C. and Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

No. 5 Platoon: Pte. G. R. Maskell, and J. A. Watson.

No. 6 Platoon: Ptes. J. J. Cameron, H. G. Cooper and C. R. Logan.

No. 7 Platoon: Cpl. T. P. Saunders, L/Cpls. R. O. Sutherland and D. Lyon and Pte. D. Harvey.

Thursday, 2nd June. All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Arms Drill and Snood.

Portuguese Company.

The Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th May for Lewis Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti. Overalls to be drawn from Store.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 5th June, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C. All trained men and recruits will have a fire at Kennedy Road or Peak Ranges will attend.

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No. 4 Platoon.

Parade at Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, 1st June at 5.30 p.m. for Musketry Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Strength.

The following are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1248 Pte. P. Castilho. No. 9 Platoon, dated 20th May, 1927.

No. 1249 Pte. J. C. Remedios. No. 10 Platoon, dated 20th May, 1927.

No. 1250 Pte. F. H. F. Swaine. A. Car Co., dated 26th May, 1927.

Promotion and Transfer.

The following extract from the Hong Kong Government Gazette No. 21 dated 20th May, 1927. Notification No. 298 is published for information:—

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotion and transfer in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

Captain Christopher Willson, O.B.E., V.D., to be promoted to the rank of Major and transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 6th May, 1927.

Command and Co.

2nd Lieut. T. A. Martin takes over command of Artillery Company as from 6th May, 1927, vice Major C. Willson, O.B.E., V.D., transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

Transfer.

No. 1168 Pte. R. L. Stewart, is transferred from No. 1 Platoon to the Artillery Company, as from 16th May, 1927.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 536 L/Cpl. J. B. Milne, M.I. Co. from 24th May, 1927, to 23rd May, 1928.

No. 1043 Pte. T. Addis, No. 7 Platoon from 28th May, 1927 to 27th May, 1928.

No. 976 Pte. J. H. Sutcliffe, A. C. Co. from 21st May, 1927 to 20th May, 1928.

No. 1102 Pte. E. M. Bryden, No. 7 Platoon from 19th May, 1927 to 20th June, 1927.

No. 876 Cpl. H. R. Forsyth, No. 7 Platoon from 28th May, 1927 to 27th February, 1928.

No. 885 Pte. M. K. Lo, A. C. Co. from 22nd May, 1927 to 22nd August, 1927.

No. 857 Pte. J. L. Adams, A. C. Co. from 22nd May, 1927 to 4th June, 1927.

Holiday.

Monday, 6th June, 1927, will be observed as a holiday, no parades will be held on that day.

R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club. Third Meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, 6th June, 1927, at 9.30 a.m.

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COOK FINED FOR OPIUM.

A cook employed on board the s.s. "Sui Tai" was this morning fined \$350 or, in default, three months' jail by Mr. R. E. Lindsell for the unlawful possession of three tins of prepared non-Government opium which was found on him when he landed at Wing Lok Wharf.

DUE TO FOG.

SHIP'S MISHAP ON TRIAL RUN.

New York, May 26.
The "Malolo" collision was due to fog.
The "Malolo" is anchored and two steamers are standing by.
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The First News.
New York, May 20.
Distress signals are reported from the new 22,000 ton steamer, "Malolo," after a collision with another steamer off Nantucket Lightship, 190 miles from New York, in the course of a trial run: 310 persons are aboard.—Reuter's American Service.

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The s.s. "Sanling" (on the Hong Kong—Wuchow run) reports on arrival here that while the boat was passing the Eastern and Western Marling districts, along the West River, four Chinese gunboats and a large junk, full of Chinese soldiers, were seen on their voyage to raid well known pirates' dens in that district.
According to the report, a large body of pirates could be seen retreating along the hills on both sides of the river banks.

ILLEGAL LIGHTS.

For using bright lights (to attract fish) off Channel Rocks, three masters of fishing junks were fined at the Marine Court this morning, two of them \$5 and one, who had been convicted before on a similar offence, \$10.

STRAITS NAVAL UNIT

THE SCHEME STILL IN ABEYANCE.

Singapore, May 21.
About a year ago an advertisement was issued by the Naval Authorities for the names of those who would be prepared to join an R.N.V.R. detachment in Malaya and we believe that the number of names returned and the scheme as a whole was favourably considered by the Colonial Government who will have to provide some of the money required for running and financing the scheme, says the "Straits Times."
Some time passed and nothing was heard, and we were able to say then that the matter was not forgotten but was receiving the careful attention of the authorities concerned. More time has passed and still there is no news of whether the scheme is likely to mature this year, next year, now or never. Again we are able to say that the scheme will be put into operation at some future date, but the troubles in China have probably given the Admiralty so much to think about that the last thing they will be able to consider will be the formation of a local naval unit.
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pany, Ltd., and the representative
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ments for more frequent services
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SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC

FIGURES FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY.

The total revenue of the Suez
Canal Company for the month of
February amounted to 16,975,000
francs, as compared with 15,082-
000 francs and 17,002,000 francs
respectively in the corresponding
months of 1926 and 1925. The net
measurement of the ships making
the passage of the Canal in the
second month of the year was
2,281,000 tons, as compared with
2,339,000 tons in January, so that
there was an apparent decline of
118,000 tons. The daily average of
February, a 23 day month, how-
ever, exceeded that of January,
since it was 81,475 tons, as com-
pared with 77,382 tons. In no pre-
vious month of February, as the
"Bulletin Decadaire" points out,
has the traffic been so large,
although the revenue did not touch
the record:—

No. of Tonnage.	Receipts.
Transits.	Net.
1924 .. 420	2,032,000
1925 .. 469	2,251,000
1926 .. 380	2,003,000
1927 .. 440	2,251,000

As compared with February,
1926, the increase realised this
year was 278,000 tons on the total
traffic, and 186,000 tons on the
North-South movement alone. In
that direction there were increases
in all the main categories of opera-
tions, whereas in the South-North
movement there was an increase
only in the "commercial" opera-
tions.

The increase in the net tonnage
in ballast was mostly contributed
by ordinary freighters.

Feb. 1926 Feb. 1927

Tankers .. 98,000 105,000

Other vessels .. 18,000 76,000

116,000 181,000

Military navigation by way of
the Canal was particularly active
in the north-south direction owing
to the events in China. Among
vessels of special interest contrib-
uting to the February traffic men-
tion may be made of the Katanga
(Belgian), which inaugurated the
service of the Compagnie Africaine
de Navigation to East Africa; the
Sistiana, the exhibition ship sent by
the Navigazione Libera Triestina to
make a round of the African ports;
the Cunarder Carinthia, 22,000 tons,
making a tourist trip round the
world; and a new Messageries
Maritimes vessel, the Marchal
Gallieni, which is none other than
the ex-German steamer Mowe.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" left Yokohama on May 20,
and is due at Vancouver on May 29.
The Ben Line s.s. "Benloch" from
Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp,
London and Straits, is due to arrive
here on May 29.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" (Capt. A. J. Halley,
R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria
on Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai,
Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on
June 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" left Vancouver for Hong
Kong, via Japan ports and Shang-
hai, on the 19th May and is due
here on the 6th June.

The m.v. "Benares" (Swedish
East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp
on May 20, and is due here on or
about June 28.

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Buoy 4, Dauntless; Buoy 5, Fro-
bisher; Buoy 8, Danae; Buoy 11,
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Swatow, Ningpo & Shanghai	YUSANG	Mon., 30th May, at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon., 30th May, at 3 p.m.
Haiphong	CHEONGSHING	Tues., 31st May, at 10 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy & Moji	KUTSANG	Wed., 1st June, at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via Swatow & Shanghai	MINGSANG	Wed., 1st June, at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOKSANG	Sat., 4th June, at 3 p.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Sun., 5th June, at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	WAISHING	Sun., 5th June, at 10 a.m.
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ter prediction of tides, from the
result of the analysis of the tidal
observations, taken at the
Kaulung tidal observatory under
the direction of Dr. Döberck dur-
ing the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kaulung; but they may be
used for the Victoria Naval yard
and Aberdeen, the differences
being very small.

The times of high and low-
water must not be considered to
coincide with the times of slack-
water and change of current, the
two phenomena being quite
distinct.

May 27 to June 2, 1927.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
	Standard Times	Standard Times
May 27	6 51	0 50
May 28	7 41	1 40
May 29	8 31	2 30
May 30	9 21	3 20
May 31	10 11	4 10
June 1	11 01	5 00
June 2	11 51	5 50

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s.
"Polaris" are reminded that goods
remaining undelivered after May
30, will be subject to rent.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s.
"Angers" are reminded by the
Agent that all claims must be sent
in before June 2.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s.
"Leontine St. Laurent" are re-
minded that claims must be sent
in to the Agent before June 3.

There has recently been another
extensive outbreak of pilfering in
the Australian trade, and evidence
so far collected seems to point to
being quite an elaborate or-
ganisation in existence for the
purpose of stealing cargo en route
for the Antipodes. So serious has
the situation become that a
meeting is being held in London
between shipowners and traders
concerned, with a view to deter-
mining what effective measures can
be taken to put a stop to the evil.

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North River at Samahai	+23.7'	0'	—	rising
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June 21	San Francisco	Hercules	July 23	Obg-Shmptn July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	Pmb-Obg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Mykatic	Aug. 6	Obg-Shmptn Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Boregaria	Aug. 10	Obg-Shmptn Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Pmb-Obg Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Agrippa	Aug. 24	Obg-Shmptn Aug. 30
Aug. 2	San Francisco	Mykatic	Sept. 3	Obg-Shmptn Sept. 9
Aug. 10	Seattle	Manzanilla	Sept. 6	Pmb-Obg Sept. 12
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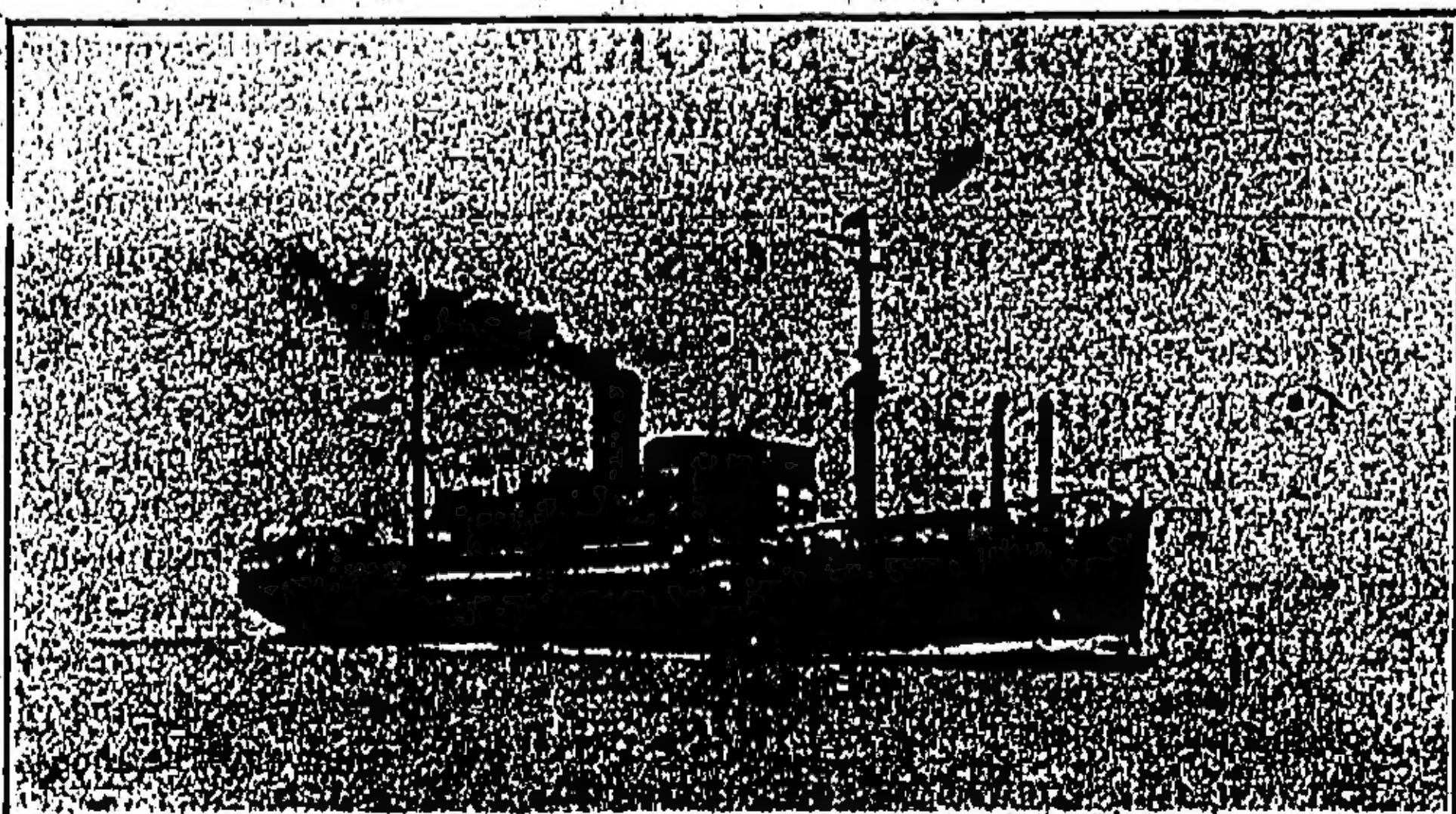
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Hong Kong, Friday, May 27, 1927.

A TIMELY TRIBUTE.

The tribute paid by the Secre-
tary of State for Colonies, Mr.
L. M. S. Amery, in his speech at
the Corona Club dinner, to Sir
Cecil Clementi and his Hong
Kong staff, will give general
pleasure in this Colony. Mr.
Amery did not overstate the
facts when he said that Hong
Kong had been through a very
trying year. Since the first hectic
days of 1925, when it had to cope
with the twin evils of a strike
and boycott inspired by un-
scrupulous outsiders, the Colony
has learned to bear its troubles
without murmur. Thanks in large
measure to "the commonsense,
fairness and vigilance of the
Hong Kong Government" — the
words are Mr. Amery's — the
Colony is no longer afflicted by
either the strike or the boycott.
None the less it still has its
difficulties. Happily these dif-
ficulties are not as serious as our
Communist enemies would make
out to further their own mis-
chievous propaganda, but they
are yet serious enough to make
a word of encouragement and
sympathy from the Secretary of
State for Colonies more than a
little welcome. Besides giving us
fresh heart by making us
feel that our troubles are not for-
gotten by the people at Home, Mr.
Amery deserves our thanks for
his tribute to Sir Cecil Clementi
and his staff. Only those who
attempt to follow events in this
part of the world from day to day
can realise in full the adminis-
trative ability — indeed the states-
manship — required to pilot the
Colony through the troubled
waters of these uncertain times.

Commonsense, fairness and
vigilance — Mr. Amery chose well
when he applied these terms to
the Hong Kong Government; for
each has been needed in full mea-
sure to guard the welfare of the
Colony — to preserve law and
order, to win and retain the con-
fidence of the thousands of Chi-
nese who find peace and security
within our boundaries, and to
restore and develop the trade
which is the source of our great-
ness. The commonsense, fairness
and vigilance which Sir Cecil
Clementi and his staff have shown
in the past, besides standing as
a monument to their loyalty and

zeal, are the surest guarantees for
the future, pointing the way to
security, goodwill and prosperity.
Hong Kong owes a debt of
gratitude to the Secretary of
State for Colonies for recognis-
ing these qualities, not, in the
usual official way, at some future
date, when trying times are being
forgotten, but now, when his
tribute will hearten those to
whom it is paid, and gratify all
who look to them for guidance.
The Latin proverb says that he
gives twice who gives quickly.
Mr. Amery has given twice —
indeed, fourfold!

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE END OF THE WORLD.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir, — I feel I owe you and your
readers an apology. Over a year
ago, from an enthusiastic "British-
Israelite" now no longer with us (he
has gone to England to make ar-
rangements for Armageddon) I received
advance information of the interest-
ing event mentioned by your cor-
respondent, "Believer." If it had
only occurred to me to write to you,
"the Colonial Authorities chiefly
concerned in co-operation with and
under the direction of the dignitar-
ies of the Church" might have got
busy in time for us to have two
Anniversaries of Anticipation.
As it is, from what one knows of
Government routine, it is to be feared
"Believer" has not written in
soon enough to get anything done.
It is a pity. I should so like to
have been there. What form, think
you, should the Anniversary take?
Rejoicing or regret? To one whose
leave is due next year the latter I
should say; though on the whole the
foreigner in China may be inclined
to rejoice that at any rate his trials
will soon be over.

Before "the Colonial Authorities
chiefly concerned in co-operation
with and under the direction of the
dignitaries of the Church" (re-
sounding phrase) decide to ar-
range the Anniversary of Anticipa-
tion there is one rather important
point to be mentioned. My friend
of a year ago gave May 28, not
May 29, as the "dreadful day." This
discrepancy should be cleared
up. I forget how my friend ar-
rived at his figure; it had some
connection with the dimensions of
the Pyramids, possibly the figure
had to be divided into the number
of Cook's trippers who visit that
ancient monument. The precise de-
tails have escaped me. As to your
own failure, Mr. Editor, to notice
the Albert Hall announcement I am
bound to say I read a reputable
Home paper regularly and have not
seen the slightest reference to it.
Strange lack of "news sense" by
London Pressmen.

My suggestion to the "dignitaries
of the Church" is that they should
not wait for "the Colonial Authori-
ties chiefly concerned" but should
forthwith arrange the Anniversary
of Anticipation for next Sunday,
and they should invite those who
are convinced that all will be over
by May 28, 1928 (or May 29 at
latest) to contribute to the collec-
tion chits promising to hand over
in a year's time such "waste paper"
as they may possess in the shape
of shares, securities, etc. It would
be an interesting venture of faith.

Yours, etc.,

DOUBTING THOMAS.
P.S. With reference to "Be-
liever's" remark that this event
will "eclipse all previous records" I
would ask, "Are there any pre-
vious records of the world having
come to an end?" Or is this an ob-
servation which "Mr. Punch" would
call "a glimpse of the obvious?"
D. THOMAS.
Hong Kong, May 27, 1927.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

The Committee acknowledges
with very many thanks receipt of
parcels of magazines from Mrs.
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FIRST MASS.

INTERESTING SANCHOAN
REMINISCENCE.

FORMER PILGRIMAGE.

The "Religio a Patria" referring
to the pilgrimages to Sanchoan (St.
John's Island) and the consecra-
tion held in that island, says:
"We do not know whether any
sacerdotal ordination or first mass
ever took place at Sanchoan. Many
years ago at the time of the late
Bishop-Raimondi, a pilgrimage to
Sanchoan was organised when the
first mass of an American priest
should have been celebrated. We
do not recollect his name; he came
from America with the late Bishop,
when he was a student and was
ordained here, but a few hours
after the steamer left Macao, the
sea became so violent and tempe-
stuous that the Captain thought
it prudent not to continue the
voyage. He returned to Macao,
where the new mass was celebrated
in St. Joseph's Church, and arrived
in Hong Kong at night.

LADY OF FATIMA.

PROPOSED GIFT FROM FAR
EAST.

MAGAZINE'S "BIRTHDAY."

The Catholic monthly, "Religio
a Patria" founded in May, 1914,
entered this month in the 14th year
of its existence, and, notwithstanding
the many difficulties which it
had to contend with, has been able
not only to maintain its publication
but also to increase more and more
the sphere of its beneficial work.
To celebrate this anniversary it
is proposed to open a subscription
among the Portuguese community
in the Far East to offer a gift to
our Lady who appeared at Fatima,
Portugal, either in the form of a
sanctuary lamp or any other thing
to be placed at the great basilica,
which will shortly be erected there,
or to contribute for the erection of
the basilica.

This subscription is especially
intended for the members of the
Portuguese community, but Catho-
lics of other nationalities may also
contribute if they care to do so.
The permission of His Lordship
Mons. Valtorta has already been
obtained, and he has generously ex-
pressed his desire to take part in
the subscription.

More than 50 years ago, when
the apparition of Our Lady in
Lourdes was not well known, the
inhabitants of Macao presented to
the Blessed Virgin a lamp which
is placed in a prominent position in
the Basilica of Rosary amidst in-
numerable and rich lamps from
other nations. Now, this sub-
scription is intended to be a
general one, comprising
all the members of the
Portuguese community spread in
the Far East.—Contributed.

POINTS TO NOTE.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are police re-
gulations relating to the King's
Birthday parade at Happy Valley
on June 3.

Queen's Road East and Arsenal
Street up to Stubbs Road will be
closed for motor traffic from 7.30
to 11 a.m.

The Stewards of the Hong
Kong Jockey Club have kindly
granted permission for the public
to use their enclosure and stands
from which to view the parade.
Vehicles proceeding to the en-
closure will go by way of Praya
East, Wanchai Road, Leighton
Hill Road and Wongneichong
Road, and return by the same
routes.

Cars going to and from the
Peak will use the Praya East,
Wanchai Road, Morrison Gap
Road.

His Excellency the Governor
will leave Government House at
about 8.40 a.m., and will proceed
to Happy Valley by way of Gar-
den Road and Queen's Road East.
An escort of 12 motor cyclists
from the Police Force will precede
the Governor's car while 12 ma-
chines from the Hong Kong
Volunteer Defence Corps will fol-
low.

Troops from the other side of
the harbour will land at Commis-
sariat Pier, Quai 1, Pier, and
Star Ferry wharf, and embark at
the same places.

Pedestrians are requested to
keep to the pathways.

A BAD START.

YOUTH AND SHADOW OF SCAFFOLD.

A quarrel over two cents led to
a Chinese youth stabbing another
with a penknife. When he was
charged before Mr. P. B. Lindell
this morning he was ordered to re-
ceive 10 strokes with a rattan. In
making the order the Magistrate
reminded the accused, "If you
start at this age with a knife, you
will end on the Scaffold."

WILBUR PLAYERS.

GREAT SUCCESS IN "THE
DIVORCE QUESTION."

LAST SHOW TONIGHT.

Before another crowded house at
the Star Theatre the Wilbur Players
last night produced "The Divorce
Question." "The Divorce Ques-
tion" is a powerful comedy-drama
by Wm. Anthony McGuire and
furnishes about the most effective
answer one could conceive to this
universal theme. In the capable
hands of the Wilbur Players, the
play received adequate treatment.

Mr. N. Anthony Baker, under
whose personal direction the play
was produced last night, added to
the laurels already gained in pre-
vious appearances. His acting, as
the priest, invested with the re-
quisite restraint yet fully effective,
was one of the high spots of the
evening.

The cast, as a whole, acquitted
themselves ably in a piece that must
have been very difficult to act. Far
from being a highly coloured ver-
sion of the wrong that divorce men
do—a view eminently suitable for
Suburbia—the comedy-drama is
true to life. Nor is there any un-
necessary sentimentality—another
purely parochial angle. The audi-
ence entered thoroughly into the
theme as presented, and although
they cannot truly be said to have
enjoyed themselves—no one can
exult over saddened and broken
lives caused through divorce—they
were unanimous (bar the hyper-
critical) in their praise of both the
play and the players.

"The Divorce Question" is well
worth all the pains taken in its
production, and the Wilbur Players
are to be complimented in scoring
a hit where it was so easy to fall
flat.

It may be anticipated that there
will be a packed house to-night
when the same piece will be pro-
duced.

To-morrow the Wilbur Players
leave for Manila.

FOR THE SERVICES.

EXCELLENT PEKING ROAD
ENTERTAINMENT.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

An excellent programme, arranged
by Mr. A. E. Stone under the
auspices of the Naval and Military
Y.M.C.A. Entertainments Sub-
Committee, was given at the Peking
Road, establishment last night,
the standard of all the items being
exceptionally high.

The following was the pro-
gramme:

Quartette, "Tower Green," Mes-
dames Marcell and Allman Ward;
Messrs. Richards & Hargreaves
Brown; Soprano Solo, "Wait," Miss
Marcell; Tenor Solo, "Eleanor,"
Rev. D. M. Richards B. A., H.C.F.;
Contralto Solo, "Les Bercaux,"
Mrs. Allman Ward; Baritone Solo,
"Sea Fever," Mr. A. A. Stone; Duet
"Quand le Mai Va Venir," Mrs.
Allman Ward and Rev. Richards;
Pianoforte Solo, "Valse de Chopin,"
Mrs. Hargreaves Brown; Pianoforte
Solo, "Valse de Chopin," Mrs.
Hargreaves Brown; Contralto Solo,
"Trois Jour des Verdanges," Mr.
Allman Ward; Quartette, "Merry
Madrigal," The Quartette.

THE FORTY PIGS CASE.

The case was concluded before
Mr. W. Schofield yesterday in which
three Chinese were charged with
the possession of 40 pigs which
were alleged to have been stolen by
pirates outside the waters of the
Colony on April 20. The first two
accused were convicted while the
third man was discharged. On
the intimation of Mr. Hui Shing Lo
that his clients would appeal
against the Magistrate's decision,
sentence was reserved.

KOWLOON CYCLISTS ACCIDENT.

Colliding with a bus while riding
a push bicycle in the Kowloon City
Road yesterday afternoon, a Chi-
nese youth was thrown heavily and
suffered injuries which necessitated
his removal to the Kowloon Hos-
pital.

FALL FROM FIRST FLOOR.

As the result of a fall from the
first floor verandah of No. 2, Lyce-
mun Villas while removing wire
brackets, a fitter employed by the
Telephone Company was yesterday
removed to the hospital.

Injured through jumping from a
moving bus, a Chinese yesterday
went to the Kowloon Hospital to
have a head wound attended to.

A jeweller living on the first floor
of No. 69, Hollywood Road yester-
day entrusted one of the inmates
of the house, with a jade bangle
worth \$1000 to sell. The man is
alleged to have disappeared with
the bangle.

THEFT OF MAILS.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR
TRIAL.

STRUGGLE IN BOX HALL.

Charged with the serious offence
of stealing postal matter from pri-
vate letter boxes at the Post Office,
an unemployed Chinese named
Mok Hoi was yesterday afternoon
committed for trial at the Criminal
Sessions by Major C. Willson.

The principal witness for the
prosecution was Mr. T. M. Perpetuo,
Superintendent of Mails at the Post
Office. He said that as the result
of many complaints of loss of
parcels, samples and papers from
private boxes in the "Box Hall" of
the Post Office, he was instructed
by the Postmaster General to
keep an eye on this hall which was
entirely shut off from the rest of
the Post Office premises with en-
trance from the Connaught Road
side of the building. There was
one communicating door to the hall
from inside the Post office building
and this led to Mr. Perpetuo's office,
from which watch was kept. About
10 a.m. on May 20 accused was ob-
served in the hall. He opened in
succession boxes Nos. 10, 31 and
113 rented respectively by the
"China Mail," the Bank of East
Asia, and Messrs. Mackinnon, Mac-
kenzie & Company. After extract-
ing the contents accused re-locked
each box. As accused was about to
leave the hall after locking the third
box, Mr. Perpetuo dashed out and
grabbed him. Accused struggled
but Mr. Britto came to the witness'
assistance and together they secur-
ed the accused who was taken to
Mr. Perpetuo's office where he was
detained until the "catch" had been
reported to the Postmaster on whose
instruction accused was handed
over to a detective on duty at the
Post Office, and removed to the
Central Police Station. When the
accused was grabbed by Mr. Per-
petuo he had four keys and a
bundle of seven newspapers in his
possession. On March 23 the wit-
ness and Acting Sub-Inspector
Carry went to the "Box Hall" and
there tested the four keys found in
the accused's possession. One key
opened two of the boxes, while an-
other opened one box. The other
two keys did not fit any of the
locks in the hall. None of the keys
was of the pattern of those issued
by the Post Office.

After Mr. J. M. Britto, Senior
Clerk in the Parcels Department,
had deposed to assisting the wit-
ness in securing the accused,
Sub-Inspector Carry went into the
witness box. He deposed that after
accused was delivered over to him
at Central Police Station together
with the four keys and seven papers,
witness searched him. In the right
breast pocket the witness found 13
bits of wrapping paper with stamps
attached to them, and a square of
white paper with black-pencilled
trailings of three keys. The wit-
ness then corroborated Mr.
Perpetuo's evidence about testing
the accused's keys in the locks in
the "Box Hall."

With regard to the stamps accus-
ed said they were torn by him from
wrappers which he had found in the
paper basket.

Both Mr. J. Lowrie, assistant of
Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and
Company, and Mr. Wong Kam-king,
assistant cashier of the Bank of
East Asia, said they had never seen
the accused before, and he had
never been authorised to collect
mails from the Post Office on be-
half of their respective firms.

Mr. D. C. Wilson, manager of the
"China Mail's" printing department,
said some 16 months ago accused
was employed by his firm as office
cooler. Accused had no authority
to collect mails for the office.

The prosecution closed with the
evidence of the Chinese interpreter
attached to Central Station who de-
posed that being charged and duly
cautioned, accused remarked "I
have nothing to say."

Accused reserved his defence
after the Court interpreter had in-
formed him that he would have to
stand his trial at the next Criminal
Session, and Major Willson made
the committal order.

The girl of to-day is not so earn-
est, hardworking, and anxious to
succeed as the girl of forty years
ago.—Mrs. E. S. E. Tait.

"If perambulators are pushed in
the roadway after dark it is just as
necessary for them to have lights
as it is for motor-cars."—The Sut-
ton Coroner.

MISTAKES MOTHERS MAKE.

Many mothers give their children
solid food at too early an age and
say proudly that their babies "eat
everything that grown-up people do,"
when such a course is almost certain to
bring on indigestion and to lay the
foundation of much ill-health.

Others administer harsh purgatives,
and thus make the little
ones fear medicine, at the same time
irritating and injuring their delicate
stomachs and bowels.

Absolutely no meat should be given
a child until it has reached the age of
18 months, and then only if approved
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bocker Road, Shanghai.

SOVIET BREAK.

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MOSCOW'S POISON.

Making Trouble All Over The World.

Rugby, May 26.
Discussion on the decision of the Government to break off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government was opened in a crowded House by Mr. J. R. Clynes (Labour) who moved the following resolutions:—

"That having heard the statement of the Prime Minister this House is of the opinion that termination of the Trade Agreement with Russia and severance of diplomatic relations would have serious international consequences, and close a promising avenue to the restoration of trade and industry, and is therefore a policy to which the country ought not to be committed until the report of a select committee, based upon examination of all the relevant documents and full inquiry into the facts, has been submitted to this House."

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, replying, began with a reference to the reported decision of the Canadian Government to terminate their Trade Agreement with Russia. In regard to the effects of the British Government's action upon trade, Sir Austen Chamberlain said the foreign trade of Russia was not an expression either of the ordinary commercial activities or economic forces.

It was partly the result of necessity. It was largely an instrument of policy. Trade was not dependent upon the Trade Agreement or diplomatic representation. The United States had done about as much trade with Soviet Russia as we had. Never had they been willing to afford diplomatic recognition to the Soviet Government or admitted a trade delegation.

The Law of the Land.
For legitimate trade His Majesty's Government were prepared to give all necessary facilities. Access might go on, but the Russian representatives would enjoy no special privileges. They were subjected to the law of the land in which they lived, and they were not to be permitted to continue illicit activities which had been pursued alike by the Delegation and by the Soviet Mission.

The Government was not prepared to accept the select committee, but to ask the House for a clear expression of confidence and approval.

There was, of course, a great mass of information in the possession of the Government derived from many sources extending over a long period out of which they had produced only one or two documents in the paper which they had laid before the House. They were content to act upon the information which they had disclosed. They thought it unnecessary to produce any more of this information now, and since it was unnecessary, they thought it undesirable to do it. But he would give the House some indication of the kind of material that there was.

Embassy Incident.
Referring to the demonstration in front of the British Embassy at Washington, Sir Austen Chamberlain said this might be not unconnected with a message that the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Moscow sent to his agents abroad on April 9 in which he stated it was absolutely imperative to organise in the shortest space of time meetings against England and to demonstrate where possible in front of British Embassies and Legations.

"Information in our possession shows that continuously, without ceasing, in every quarter of the world where the ferment of trouble exists, the Soviet Government has sought to take advantage of those elements to increase unrest and to create trouble, and above all in those places where British interests would be affected.

Troubles in China.
"It shows that these activities were carried on, not merely abroad, not merely in Asia, but in this country. It shows that the Zinovieff letter was not the only or the last document. It shows us the painful part which, throughout the troubles in China, Soviet diplomacy and their agents have played in that country."

"Bolshevik activities in China date back at least as far as 1923. In January of that year we know the Executive Committee of the Third International sent instructions to the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party to exercise their force for the purpose of striking a heavy and well timed blow against the Imperialism of foreign power. We know that they complained that the Communist Party in China was devoting insufficient attention to sabotage in foreign enterprises, factories, and works, and that such a position could hardly be considered normal."

Methodical Agitation.

"In 1924 the Soviet Government established diplomatic relations in China, and M. Kharakhan was appointed Soviet Ambassador at Peking. His instructions authorised him to assist in the organisation of methodical agitation and public demonstration of people against foreign intervention. On November 7 at an official banquet the Soviet Ambassador exhorted Chinese Government to tear up treaties between China and the foreign Powers."

"If we come to Shanghai we know that Russian money was not alien to the disturbances there. The riot at Shanghai which originated in the Japanese mills took place on May 13, 1925, and on the 11th of that month M. Kharakhan had sent orders to the local committee in Shanghai which were intercepted. The local committee were required, on receipt of these instructions, to enter immediately into close contact with workmen and their organisations with a view to strikes in the Japanese factories, and in order to play an active part among the workmen, so that they should not return to work until they had received from the manufacturers the satisfaction they demanded."

Shameen Incident.
"This intervention and these incitements were not confined to Shanghai. Encouraged by the results of their work there they took up work in Canton. On June 6, 1925, the Communist International notified the Kuomintang of large sums of money which they were sending to conduct a militant campaign against British and Japanese Imperialism, and it was pointed out that it was desirable national indignation against missionary schools should be utilised to dismiss missionaries as being the real servants of Imperialism."

The result of the inquiries in the English and French Concessions into the procession of demonstrations in Canton showed that it included cadets from the Russian military academy, and that the incitement and order to fire were almost certainly given by Russians."

A Hong Kong Arrest.

The action of the Soviet Government in those intrigues was well known to everyone in China, and it was definitely proved at the time of the arrest at Hong Kong in June of 1925 of a certain Soviet citizen, officially described in his passport as being at the disposal of the Soviet Embassy. He was carrying a certificate issued by the Soviet Agitation Department in Shanghai, ordering him to proceed to Canton for the purpose of organising strikes. When he came up for trial, a physician of the Soviet Consul-General in Shanghai attempted to bribe the Russian constables of the Municipal Police to declare that he had forged the certificate.

The physician was arrested in the act of trying to hand over \$10,000. He was remanded on bail but absconded. "I do not propose to carry the story further," said Sir Austen Chamberlain. "This is the class of information which has been in the possession of the Government, much of it for a long time and some of it for only a short time. It showed that the conditions on which alone the Trade Agreements were signed, upon which every succeeding Government, without exception, has insisted, have been systematically and continuously broken by the other party to the Agreement."

Privileges Abused.
It shows that the privileges accorded to the Trade Delegation were abused, that Soviet House in London was the seat, not only of the trade activities, but of political propaganda and anti-British action.

It shows that the Soviet Mission at Chesham House was engaged in similar activities in a breach of the comity of nations, and in an abuse of diplomatic privileges accorded to them; and it shows that both these organisations were acting under instructions and in the spirit of a Government which was pursuing the same hostile policy to a Government with which it professed to be in friendly relations in every part of the world."

Repeated Warnings.
Sir Austen Chamberlain recalled Notes addressed to the Soviet Government regarding its anti-British activities by Mr. Lloyd George and by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald when they held office, and told of his own repeated warnings to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires of the breaches of the Trade Agreement.

He had been asked why relations had not been broken off before. If the Government had thought only of British interests, of their own protection, they would have done so. He had previously pleaded, with earnestness, with passion, to the House not to force their decision upon the government, to give Soviet Government yet another chance, to mend their ways. If in pleading

so, he had used exaggerated language, at least it showed how honest was his endeavour, and how long and patiently he had pursued it.

His Majesty's Government had during the two and half years for which they had been responsible pursued their policy of peace in every part of the world. They had co-operated with all who would co-operate with them, had loyally supported the League of Nations, and they had helped to add to its authority and strength. Only one government had refused to co-operate.

A Source of Danger.
"Still we strove, still we continued relations which had become a hollow sham. At last we felt it necessary not to confine ourselves to the spoken warning which had been uttered again and again, but once more to repeat, in solemn form, our words of protest and warning. The Soviet Government has paid no attention to these words of warning. They have shown they are incorrigible."

"We practised forbearance until forbearance was outworn. We have pushed patience to a point at which further persistence in it would be weakness. We have even now not sought to engage the action of any other Power or to embarrass them with what are our problems and our difficulties, but His Majesty's Government can no longer assume the responsibility of maintaining diplomatic relations which, so conducted and so abused are not instruments of peace but a continual source of irritation and danger. I ask from the House a clear and unmistakable expression of their approval."—British Wireless Service.

CHICAGO REDS.

An Artist Wife and Judge's Son.

Chicago, May 26.

Several of the Chicago Communists mentioned in the note book found in Soviet House, London, are well-known here.

They include Lydia Gibson, artist wife of the American cartoonist, and Robert Minor, the son of a former Texas judge.

The couple are now in Russia where the husband represents the Workers' Party of America.—Reuter's American Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Canadian Horse Purchase Cancelled.

Ottawa, May 26.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King pointed out that the termination of the trade agreement did not mean the discontinuance of trade with Russia but that certain quasi-diplomatic privileges enjoyed by the Soviet Trade Mission in Canada would be abrogated. Canada would continue to trade with Russia but without a preferential trade arrangement.

On the contrary M. Guerus, head of the Soviet Trade Mission, announced that the immediate result of the Canadian Government's action would be the cancellation by the Mission of the recent agreement to purchase 4,000 Canadian horses. He added that the commercial activities of the Mission would continue possibly for six months whereafter it was expected that the whole Mission would be withdrawn, leaving Canada without facilities for trade with Russia.—Reuter's American Service.

American Approval.

New York, May 26.

Public opinion, as reflected in newspaper editorials, appears overwhelmingly in approval of Mr. Baldwin's attitude towards Moscow. Although unconcerned with the United States, Mr. Baldwin's charges are generally believed here, and the newspapers are pleased that the United States never recognised the Soviet.

At the moment, it is impossible to ascertain the attitude of the State Department, but it is said in political circles that certain information obtained by the British Government in the Arcos raid is already in the possession of officials of the State Department and is being studied with interest.—Reuter's American Service.

Japanese Opinion.

Tokyo, May 26.

The vernacular papers generally, while emphasising the possibility of serious developments, consider that the Anglo-Soviet break was inevitable, though the "Kokumin" while censuring Russia for attempting to encroach Britain's downfall by subversive propaganda, and intrigue accuses Britain of deliberately seeking an excuse for severing relations by carrying out the Arcos raid.

"Chuo" considers that the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement facilitated Moscow's efforts to

DISTANT TYPHOON.

300 MILES S.E. OF HONG KONG.

WILL IT CURVE?

N.E. winds, fresh; possibly increasing to a gale, fine at first, overcast with rain later. Is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, etc.: typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 18N. Long. 120 E., moving N.W. At 6 a.m. the typhoon was 300 to 350 miles S.E. of Hong Kong, moving N.W. or N.N.W. at about 10 miles an hour.

There is now a possibility that it may curve into the Formosa Channel.

Typhoon Warning.

The Hong Kong American Consulate-General received the telegram quoted below from the Manila Observatory at 12.40 p.m., May 27, 1927:—

Typhoon in about 119deg. Long. E. and 19deg. Lat. N., inclining northward.

Typhoon in about 138deg. Long. E. and 7deg. Lat. N., direction unknown.

PONY'S MAD BOLT.

RIDER CARRIED OFF WILLY NILLY.

EXCITEMENT IN KOWLOON.

Riding a pony in Kowloon yesterday afternoon, Lieut. P. E. Healey of H.M.S. "Hermes" had an unpleasant experience when the animal ran away with him. The pony got out of control near the Kowloon Hospital and was soon dashing away in a mad gallop with Mr. Healey powerless to stop it. In fact, he had all his work cut out to keep in the saddle and avoid a tumble. The animal dashed unchecked along Waterloo and Nathan Roads. A crowd of people waiting for the bus, was scattered in Nathan Road when the pony dashed into their midst, knocking down a Chinese who had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital. After this the animal stopped as suddenly as it had started its gallop and Mr. Healey quickly dismounted. The pony gave no more trouble and submitted quietly to being led away by Mr. Healey could give no explanation for the pony's strange behaviour as the road was clear and there was nothing to scare the pony and cause it to run away the way it did.

WOMAN'S DEATH.

FURTHER EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

Yesterday afternoon further evidence was heard in the inquest on a Chinese woman who died soon after admission to the Government Civil Hospital on April 22, and a further adjournment was made until Monday morning next.

The woman's father-in-law said that when he woke up he saw the woman in the parlour of the third floor of their residence, No. 198 Queen's Road Central, with a Chinese doctor. As soon as she saw him, she returned to her room. Later the doctor made out a prescription which a servant took to a dispensary, returning about 10.30 a.m. Witness personally examined the herbs to see that they were as prescribed, and gave instructions for them to be boiled.

He went to his own quarters on the second floor and about noon returned to the third floor and noticed his daughter-in-law groaning in bed.

Replying to Mr. Linsell this witness admitted that he smoked opium. He explained that his drug was kept in a locked cupboard in his own sitting room. He always kept the key himself.

In answer to Mr. M. K. Lo (for the deceased's father) witness admitted that his third and fourth concubines had both died, one after some illness and the other during childbirth. The latter died in his shop here. The witness emphatically said that his second concubine was out of the house before the herbs arrived from the dispensary.

The inquiry was adjourned at this stage.

at up revolutionary movements. The general impression appears to be that the revelations made will deal a heavy blow to the Soviet politically as well as economically, and above all morally, as it will serve to discredit Moscow in the eyes of the whole world.—Reuter.

HANKOW'S COLLAPSE.

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EARLIER MESSAGES.

More Japanese Troops for Tsingtao.

Tokyo, May 26.

The War Office has decided to request the Cabinet to sanction the despatch of seven or eight battalions of troops to Tsingtao for the protection of Japanese lives and property.

Infantry will be sent from Manchuria and Cavalry, Engineers and Army Service Corps from Japan.—Reuter.

Minelayer for Tsingtao.

Tokyo, May 26.

The minelayer Tokiwa has been ordered to Tsingtao to protect Japanese interests. She is probably sailing to-morrow.—Reuter.

Fengtien Offensive.

Peking, May 26.

Military headquarters announce that the Fengtien Army launched an offensive in the Honan front early this morning. The Fengtien troops number at least 110,000 while Tang Seng-chi (who is opposing them) has 70,000.—Reuter.

Yunnan's Tupan Dead.

Peking, May 26.

A foreign telegram from Yunnanfu reports the death of Tupan Tang Chi-yao.—Reuter.

LINK WITH WARREN HASTINGS.

A New York jeweller has bought the famous Nassak diamond from the Duke of Westminster. The price is not stated, but it was bought in 1931 by a London jeweller for £1,440. Its value was estimated in 1911 at £29,600, and the purchaser's representative estimates its present value at £80,000. This estimate is based on the increased world value of diamonds and the unusual history of the Nassak, which is an Indian stone, weighing over 78 carats, was brought to England by Warren Hastings.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.
May 27—Queen's Theatre; "The Cheerful Fraud."
May 27—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players present "The Divorce Question" 9.15 p.m.
May 27—World Theatre; "Oh Baby."
May 27—Star Theatre; Matinees, "Empty Hands."

May 27—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parloren, 4.30 p.m.
May 27—Dinner Dances and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parloren.

May 27—Isako's European Circus, Hungkum, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.
May 28—Concert at Kowloon Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

June 10—"Squeakettes" performance at the Peak Club in aid of Lady Clement's Entertainment Fund and M.C.L., 9.30 p.m.

Sports.
May 27—League match: C.R.C. v. I.R.C. 5.15 p.m.
May 28—Second extra race meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course.
June 11—First game of the Hong Kong Baseball Assn., Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auctions.
May 28—Messrs. Lammert Bros., will auction at Godown No. 31, Upper Godown, No. 26, and Godown No. 16, The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 28 bales newspaper paper, 18 bales round iron, 1 bale paper, and 12 sacks flour, at 11 a.m.
May 31—At No. 7, Queen's Garden, (Ground Floor), valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.
June 1—Auction of household furniture, at 12B, Mody Rd., Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.
May 31—Meeting of Members of the H.K.C.C. in the Club pavilion, 5.30 p.m.
May 31—Fourth yearly meeting of Prince's Bldg. & Land Co. Ltd., Prince's Bldg., 4 p.m.

May 31—Sixth annual meeting of the H.K. Excavation, Filling & Construction Co. Ltd., 2nd floor Powell's Bldg., Des Voeux Road, 8 p.m.

June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.
June 10—Half-yearly meeting of Members of the Hong Kong Club Annex, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
May 27—Kowloon Chess Club return match: Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Hermes," 8 p.m.
June 4—King's Birthday parade, Happy Valley, 9 a.m.

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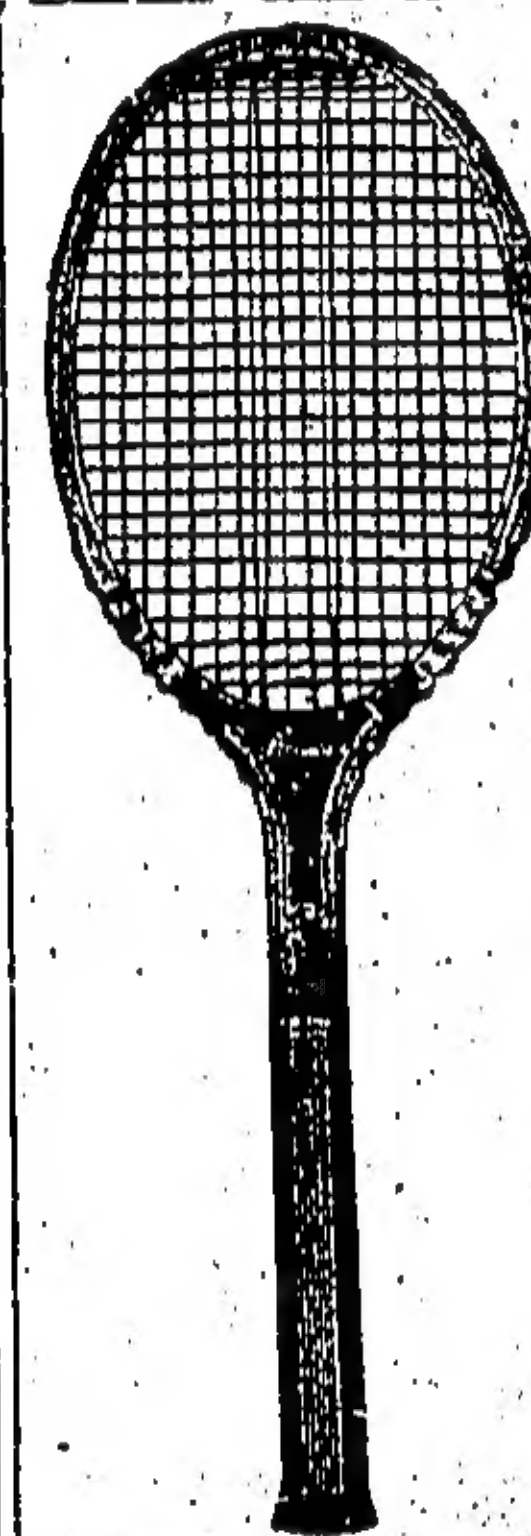
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A James II. coin (dated 1689),
in good preservation, has been
found, in a garden at Flackwell
Heath, Bucks.Three cases of enteric fever
were notified in the Victoria district
yesterday and one in the Kowloon
district. All four were Chinese.Replying to the Colonial Con-
ferences Empire Day greetings,
H.E. the Governor sent the fol-
lowing telegram:—"On behalf of
Hong Kong I thank the Colonial
Office Conference for its Empire
Day greetings, which are cordial-
ly reciprocated here."There was a smart turn out
at the Volunteer Headquarters
yesterday on the occasion of
a rehearsal by the Volunteer De-
fence Corps of movements to be
gone through at Happy Valley in
conjunction with the Regular
troops on the occasion of the
King's Birthday Parade next
Friday.The Wells (Somerset) Bow-
ling Club rejected, by a large
majority a proposal to admit
women members in future.
Alderman Reakes declared that
the women members they used to
have were an absolute nuisance.
He protested against women's en-
croachment on men's prerogatives
and asserted that bowls was an
immodest game for women.The May number of the
Singapore Diocesan Magazine
contains interesting extracts
from letters received from China.
Bishop Graves, of the American
Church Mission, writes: "Shang-
hai is the one city where a white
man can feel that his life is safe
on the whole length of the Yang-
tze Valley, and if it had not been
that the British Defence Force
was sent in time, in all proba-
bility three would not have been
one of us on the spot now."Fleet Orders announce that
the annual Indian Empire garden
party for all officers and civilians
who have resided in India,
Ceylon, Iraq, Palestine, Singa-
pore, and Hong Kong, and their
wives and daughters, will be held
at the Ranelagh Club, Barnes, on
Wednesday, June 22, from 2.30
to 6.30 p.m. A polo match, India
v. The World, will take place at
3 p.m., and a military display by
the 1st Royal Dragoons at 4.30
p.m. The band of the 1st Royal
Dragoons and the Kneller Hall
String Orchestra will play dur-
ing the afternoon.According to "Religio-
Patria," there is, at present at Ho-
mington a Portuguese Class attach-
ed to the Canadian Sisters' School,
under the direction of Mrs. Maria
Honoria Osmund.In Kuomintang circles, it is
learned that within the next few
days steps will be taken to open
Kiangsu and Chekiang and per-
haps other territory under the
control of the Nationalist Govern-
ment to foreign missionaries and
business. It is not yet known
exactly what steps are planned,
but it is believed that a pro-
nouncement on the subject will
shortly be made guaranteeing
protection to foreign life and
property.The longest peal of bells on
record, an Oxford Triple Bob
Major with 17,824 changes, was
rung at the Heptonstall Parish
Church, Hebden Bridge, by eight
bell-ringers. The peals lasted for
10hr. 51min., and during the
whole of that time the bell-
ringers were without food or
drink. Each bell had to be rung
28 times every minute, in all
about 18,228 times, and one slip
in making the changes would
have meant the event being dis-
qualified.There is an increasing num-
ber of visitors to the site of the
Roman amphitheatre at Caerleon,
purchased for the nation by "The
Daily Mail," and excavation work
is proceeding rapidly. A new en-
trance has been opened up and
has been found to retain in ex-
cellent preservation the stone
steps by which the spectators
reached their seats. These steps
were buried in Roman times and
superseced by a sloping roadway
at a higher level, and consequen-
tly their condition is almost as
good as when they were built.The postponed "Empire
Day" concert in the grounds of
the Kowloon Cricket Club is to
take place there to-morrow
night now that the weather ap-
pears to have taken a turn for
the better. The programme,
which is provided by the full
band, including the pipes and
drums, of the King's Own Scot-
tish Borderers, commences at
9.15. Highland dances will be
featured. The proceeds of the
concert, for which a charge of \$1
is being made for civilians and
50 cents for Service men, are for
the Hospital Comforts fund. The
concert closes with a Grand Mil-
itary Tattoo.The mail from London via
Suez, dated April 28 and arriv-
ing here yesterday by Mantua,
consisted of 546 bags and 138
sacks of parcels. Distribution
commenced shortly after 1 p.m.The Archbishop of York, Dr.
Lang, and the Archbishop of
Westminster, Cardinal Bourne,
were at York the central figures
in concurrent celebrations of the
1,300th anniversary of the bap-
tism of King Edwin and the
founding of Northumbrian Chris-
tianity, which took place on
Easter Day, 627.The Trade Union Congress,
according to the "Westminster
Gazette," has approved of a Bri-
tish Workers' Sports Federation
being organised to conduct in-
ternational Olympiads for "clas-
s-conscious workers." Trade
union sports clubs will be form-
ed to encourage inter-trade union
football, competitors in which
must produce trade union cards.In connection with the forth-
coming New Territory agricul-
tural show, the International
Harvester Co., the largest manu-
facturers of agricultural imple-
ments in the world, have sent a
representative to Hong Kong to
make arrangements for exhibits
at the show. He has arranged
to show a number of films deal-
ing with modern farming
methods at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.
on Saturday at 8 p.m. and has
also secured the co-operation of
the Chinese Chamber of Commerce
in publicity matters.Probably with the object of
putting an end to all complaints
regarding the destructive effects
of modern methods of laundering,
a London laundry offers to pro-
vide regular customers with new
collars free of charge as the old
ones wear out. The laundry
states: "If you think a collar is
worn out, we ask you to write on
the inside of it, in lead pencil,
"Replace by No." selecting
the style you want from our list.
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collar of the selected style and of
the same size and depth as the
old one—unless you ask for a
different size and depth. Collars
must pay at least one visit to the
laundry before they become
eligible for replacement. After
replacement any collars bearing
laundry marks in addition to ours
will be excluded from the ar-
rangement."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. H. L. Wilson, Secretary of
Trollope and Colls (Far East), Ltd.,
is leaving for home with Mrs.
Wilson on June 1 by the s.s. "Em-
press of Canada."The death is announced at Nice
of M. Gaston Leroux, the French
writer of mystery stories which
were well known in England.
One of the most popular was
"The Mystery of the Yellow
Room."Charlie Chaplin, the film
comedian, whose expected visit
to England has aroused much
discussion, has made no de-
finite travel plans. It is
his hope to cross the Atlantic
either in August or September,
when he has finished his latest
picture, "The Circus." For this
picture he is composing his own
music. His business associates
deny that he has any intention
of appearing on the English
stage.It was authoritatively confirm-
ed in Paris that the Countess
Salm von Hoogstraeten, who was
formerly Miss Millicent Rogers,
one of the richest heiresses in
the United States, has been
granted a divorce from her hus-
band, Count Salm. It was be-
lieved that the dispute had been
settled in New York some weeks
ago when a separation agreement
was reached between counsel for
both parties out of court. The
count had instituted proceedings
for separation with custody of
their son when his wife refused
to allow him to see the infant.In the course of a description
of Sir Hugh Clifford's recent tour
in South India a paper says:—
Sir Hugh Clifford causes a good
deal of concern to those who see
him going about on the hottest
days with the hood of his car
down and without a topee. The
sun and he, however, are on the
best of terms, and there must be
something in his contention that
he is one of the lucky men who
are able to turn the sun's rays
at once into useful energy. Very
few people, no matter of what
race, would have driven out to
Avadi and back between 11 a.m.
and 3 p.m. on a bright and very
hot day without the protection of
either hood or topee.Princess Mary Viscountess
Lascelles, accompanied by her
lady-in-waiting, paid a visit to
Harrods on Thursday afternoon
in mall week.Mr. Alfred Davis, hitherto in
control of the Marble Arch
Pavilion, now one of the directors
of the big new cinema amalga-
mation, must surely have been one
of the youngest officers in the
Army, even during the war, says
a "Daily Mail" writer. He enlisted
at the age of 15, and a few
weeks later obtained a commis-
sion in the Infantry by some
energetic stratagems. When he
returned to civilian life after the
armistice he was a veteran war-
rior 19 years old. The Marble
Arch Pavilion is remarkable as
a hall which has always shown a
big proportion of British films.
While those who oppose measures
to increase British films cry out
that British films are bad and un-
profitable, the Marble Arch
flourishes, in spite of having a
programme composed of 45 per
cent. British pictures during the
past year.Behind the extremely success-
ful coming to the London stage
as an actress of Miss Pauline
Frederick the film star, there is
a quiet, grey-haired Australian,
Mr. E. J. Carroll. Miss Frederick
might never have come to Lon-
don to act but for Mr. Carroll.
It was he who persuaded her to
leave the films in America and
go on tour in Australia in Mr.
Frederick Lonsdale's "Spring
Cleaning," and it was he who
found a play, a theatre, and the
necessary capital to present her
to the London theatre public.
Mr. Carroll, who is partly Irish,
was born in Queensland and
started work as a post office
clerk. He was one of the earliest
men in the film business in Aus-
tralia. Now he is at the head
of companies owning twenty
theatres, film, and dramatic, in
his native country. In London,
he pays Miss Frederick a salary
and a percentage of the profits
at the Lyceum, and so successful
is the season, proving that one
week's work was to the
amount of very nearly £7,000.Major-General C. C. van
Straubenzee, K.C.B., C.M.G., the
newly appointed General Com-
manding the Troops in Malaya,
left England with his wife on the
liner "Montcalm," sailing from
Liverpool on April 22, in order to
connect with the Canadian Pacific
liner "Empress of Russia."News has been received in Paris
from Budapest that the Arch-
duchess Sophie, daughter of the
Archduke Joseph of Habsburg
and niece of the Duchess of
Orleans, has run away from her
home with a Viennese cafe
singer. Notwithstanding all the
search made for them, no trace
of the couple has been as yet dis-
covered. The Princess is twenty-
seven years of age.Mr. W. E. L. Shenton is the
new representative on the Legis-
lative Council of the Unofficial
J.P.'s, in the absence of Sir
Henry Pollock, K.C. Yesterday
was the last day for receiving
nominations for filling the
vacancy and no-one opposed that
of Mr. Shenton, who was pro-
posed by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M.
Bernard and seconded by the
Hon. Mr. A. G. Hynes.General Kalitzin, who held a
command in the Russian Army
under General Yudenitch, which
wrested the Armenian fortress of
Erzerum from the Turks in 1916
—one of the greatest feats of the
war—is dying in poverty, at the
age of 75, in a slum in the Mon-
trouge quarter of Paris. The
general, who was one of the
right-hand men of the Grand
Duke Nicholas, the Russian Com-
mander-in-Chief, has lived in
Paris since the Bolshevik revolu-
tion with his daughter, whose
husband, Col. Krause, of the
Czar's personal bodyguard, had
been acting as a taxicab driver up
to the time of his death six
months ago. Since then the
widow, her four children, and
her aged father have existed on
the wife's earnings of 24 a month.
"Two years ago," said the general
from his sick-bed to-day, "I was
able to earn my living as a la-
bourer in a motor factory. Now
I am unable to work any more,
Nitchayev! (It is fate!)"

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Craigengower Creeping Up.

K.C.C. LEAD SECOND DIVISION.

Prospects For To-morrow.

(By "Short Head.")

Last Saturday saw an attenuated programme of League matches owing to the rain making havoc with some of the greens and the result was that only one First Division match and three Second Division games were played.

In the First Division the Craigengower Cricket Club improved their standing in the table by defeating the Police Recreation Club on their own ground. The Police could only come out best on one rink, Mair's rink being superior to D. Rumjahn's rink by five points. Omar got the better of Moss by nine shots, and Buss's rink—a very fine one this season—scored over West by 23 shots to nine. Thus, out of three matches played the Police have secured only a couple of points this season. Craigengower have now the same number of points as the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, but they have played one match more.

A Good Recovery.

The sequence of home wins that was a feature of the previous Saturday's play was broken by the Club de Recoelo losing at King's Park to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by many as 23 shots. The result in a sense flattered the winners. Macchian's rink always held a commanding lead over A. Ribeiro's rink and finished 12 shots to the good. Wylie's rink, however, struck a bad patch at the start against J. Ribeiro's rink and were down in the early stages 8-1. But for good play by Ferguson and Dixon subsequently they would have been swamped. Fortunately for their Club they steadied themselves and went on to win by nine shots—quite a good recovery. On the third rink Warren had an uphill fight from the start and looked, too, as if he would succumb to de Souza's rink by a shot or two. It was a fine ding-dong game, but Warren had the right temperament to pull the game out of the fire and win by a couple of shots. In this connection it was at first reported, through rather careless filling up of the official card, that Warren's rink had lost; and of course, the mistake was copied with all faithfulness by the other papers—except the "China Mail."

Resolute Hosts.

This was the first time I had seen the Club de Recoelo green this season. It appears in first-class order, justifying the delay in playing on it until the official bowls season had started. There was, by the way, a miniature invasion of visitors other than actual players, most of the Bowling Green's first League team being present to accord a moral support to their colleagues. This, however, was not permitted to stand in the way of the Club de Recoelo dispensing their usual lavish hospitality both to visiting players and spectators. The "club" that cheers but does not inebriate" was certainly much appreciated and proved once again that the Portuguese are sports in defeat as well as in victory.

At Happy Valley the Civil Service second string found the East Point Recreation Club too strong for them and they were down by 10 shots. Massey's rink was the only one to make any kind of impression, winning against Hamilton's by six shots. McTavish's quartette got the better of Alderman's men by only three shots, and Lee easily put paid to Brown's account by the unlucky margin of 13. The East Point thus have the satisfaction of winning where they lost last year.

A Rule Ignored.

On the Kowloon Cricket Club's green the Craigengower Cricket Club turned up with a player short, which may have had a bad effect on their play. Even so, they scored a win on one rink—Kitchell disposing of Davidson, as expected, by three shots. Lammert's rink had no trouble in beating Knox's rink by the fatal 13 but, here, the advantage of playing three instead of two woods and thus having a bigger chance of getting on the jack. It would be interesting to have the views of readers of the "China Mail" on this point.

To-morrow's Prospects.

Some very interesting matches are down on the card to-morrow, the results in which may have an important bearing ultimately on the League championships.

At home again the Craigengower Cricket Club are confident of annexing the points against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. A year ago the Kowloonites lost on the same green by 17 shots, but I fancy that to-morrow's team as a whole is much stronger. Whoever wins, the result ought to be much closer.

A local "Derby" will be fought out on the Kowloon Cricket Club green where the visitors will be the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club who make no secret of their aspirations for the championships of this Division. Here, again, it is difficult to spot the winners beforehand.

The Civil Service Cricket Club will be at home to the Tai Koo Recreation Club and, with a little bit "joss," they ought to win. A year ago this fixture was played by mutual arrangement at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Tai Koo Club pulling off the victory by 10 shots.

In the Second Division the Tai Koo Recreation Club entertain the Kowloon Cricket Club. If the latter's team is the same as a week ago ground advantage should favour Tai Koo. Last year's match resulted in a win for Tai Koo by 33 shots.

The Club de Recoelo are again at home, the visitors being the Civil Service Cricket Club. The King's Park team declare that the result is always contrary to the predictions of the scribes, so I will remain neutral and see what happens!

The Yacht Club will be at home to the Craigengower Cricket Club and should repeat their feat of last season when they won by 11 shots.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club receive the East Point Recreation Club and a very fine game should be witnessed in spite of the green not being in the same fine condition that it was a year ago. The home team will have to play their very best to snatch the points.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The official programme for to-morrow is as follows:

First Division.

Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.

Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.

Civil Service C.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.

Second Division.

Tai Koo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Club de Recoelo v. Civil Service C.C.

Royal H.K.Y.C. v. Craigengower C.C.

Kowloon B.G.C. v. East Point R.C.

SELECTED TEAMS.

The following teams have been selected for to-morrow:

First Division.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club—Hazel, Harvey, Duncan, and Russell (skip); Muir, Holland, Magill and Macfarlane (skip); Dobbie, Hedley, Chapman, and Farrell (skip).

Civil Service C.C.—Laird, Brown, Grimmett, and Oswald (skip); Maughan, Westlake, Keegan, and Deakin (skip); Smith, Lambie, Holledge, and Fendered (skip).

K. Docks—Ramsay, Kempton, Lindsay and J. C. Brown (skip); Greig or Cooper, Henderson, McLaggan and Gray (skip); Gourlay, Neilson, Cullen, and Lapsley (skip).

Tai Koo R.C.—W. Weir, Whyte, J. Russell, and Wotherspoon (skip); Sloan, Seath, Macleod, and Drummond (skip); Laird, Grimes, Muirhead and Morrison (skip).

Kowloon C.C.—Goodwin Smith, Pile, and Gibson (skip); Abraham, Korn, Hill and Tackel (skip); Hirst, Hyde, Wragge, and Pile (skip).

Craigengower C.C.—R. F. Luz, C. S. Rossette, E. Arcul, and D. Rumjahn (skip); E. J. Neves, F. K. W. B. Masket, and U. M. Omar (skip); L. A. Rose, M. A. Sousa, C. Bennett, and B. Bana (skip).

Second Division.

Civil Service C.C.—Beattie, Rose, Haynes, and Taylor (skip); Jones, Holdman, Luck, and Alderman (skip); Strange, Shimmonds, Archibald, and Massey (skip).

Kowloon Bowling Green Club—Hale, Hatt, Slipper, and Warren (skip); Ferguson, Cuff, Dixon, and Wylie (skip); McIntosh, Stonham, Budding, and MacLachlan (skip).

K. C. C.—Gorvin, Labrum, Petheram, and Davidson (skip); Edwards, Lyal, Smith, and Lammert (skip); Gillins, Lawrence, Hamble, and Herdridge (skip).

Yacht Club—Williamson, Vaux, Greig, and Davies (skip); Bullock, Black, Thornhill, and C. P. Edwards (skip); Reed, Wood, Wynne-Jones, and Shields (skip).

Tai Koo R.C.—Maxwell, Boyle, Walmaley and Matthews (skip); Richmond, Speirs, Munro, and Dinnen (skip); Grimes, Warnock, Chalmers and McKeehin (skip).

East Point Recreation Club—F. G. Samways, R. W. Williamson, R. McKellar, and R. W. Lee (skip); S. Baker, G. Vickers, A. K. Henderson, and H. M. McTavish (skip); G. M. Shaw, A. Webster, R. H. Whiteford, and A. T. Hamilton (skip).

Craigengower Cricket Club—A. E. Coates, J. Lely, F. H. Williams, and W. T. Brightman (skip); D. K. Kharras, Y. Abbas, H. Beer, and P. T. Knott (skip); W. E. Nicholson, A. Razack, C. W. A. Rodrigues, and A. Kitchell (skip).

Club de Recoelo—P. A. Yvanovich, F. X. Silva, C. Silva, and L. C. E. Souza (skip); C. F. Vas, J. G. Okorio, F. E. Remedios, and J. Ribeiro (skip); A. V. Ribeiro, E. M. Remedios, C. E. Marques, and A. Ribeiro (skip).

ON THE LINKS.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

THE LAST EIGHT.

London, May 26. At Hoylake the climax of a day's thrills, which included the defeats of internationals—English: Storey, Rex Hartley and Beddard, and Scottish: Hope, T. Torrance, W. Murray, and Jamieson—was a dramatic struggle watched by a tense crowd of 3,000 in which the New Zealanders, Dr. Gillies defeated Haley in the fifth round; by one. Haley defeating Major Thorburn (Sunningdale) in the fourth round by three up and one to play aroused the whisper: "Is this the youthful Yankee menace after all?"

Haley playing against Dr. Gillies was two up at the eighth hole; lost the next five, but, smiling and confident, squared the sixteen hole, halved the seventeenth, but was bunkered and lost the eighteenth.

The Last Eight.

This last eight consist of the Australian champion, Nettelford, Tweddell (Stourbridge), Wethered, Dr. Gillies, Montmorency (Stoke Poges), Jobson (Royal and Ancient), Landale (Liverpool) and the 19-year-old youth McNair (Renfrew).—Reuter.

ABE MITCHELL.

An Operation for Appendicitis.

London, May 26. Abe Mitchell has been operated on for appendicitis, but is progressing favourably.—Reuter.

[A cable of May 23 stated: Herbert Jolly, the Foxgrove Club professional, replaces Abe Mitchell (who is suffering from indigestion) in the golf team leaving for America to-morrow.]

THE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' Section.

The result of the draw for a prize presented by Mrs. Leggat is as follows:—

Bye Mrs. Sommerfeldt and Mrs. Piercy.
Bye Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Sim.
Mrs. Hornell and Mrs. Gilmore.
Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Boylan Smith.
Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Dodwell.
Mrs. Murdoch and Mrs. Brown.
Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Oliver.
Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Redmond.
Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Sheldon.
Mrs. Roffey and Mrs. Maitland.
Bye Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Parker.

Bye Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Whyte Smith.
To be played for over Deep Water Bay course, 18 holes match play. Half the difference of handicap allowed.

The different rounds are to be played on or before the following dates:—
1st Round, June 17.
2nd Round, July 8.
3rd Round, July 29.
4th Round, August 19.
Final Round, September 9.

SUNDAY'S MATCH.

The postponed match between the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and its Junior Section is due to take place on Sunday morning at Happy Valley. The course was flooded during the heavy rainfalls this week, but provided no more rain falls between now and Sunday the course should be in fair shape again by then.

The Happy Valley Course will be closed on Friday morning, June 3, on the occasion of the King's Birthday Parade.

Whitsuntide Programme. Details of the Whitsuntide programme as arranged for members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling are as under:—

The events begin on June 3 (the King's Birthday) and extend to June 6 (Whit Monday), both days inclusive.

The programme is as under:—
Running Hogeys Pool—Unlimited entries: 50 per cent; 60 per cent, to winner, 30 per cent, to runner-up, 40 entries. If less than 40 entries 90 per cent, to winner.

Medal Pool—Conditions as above.
Best Ball (in fourballs)—Less half combined handicap. Medal round, 90 per cent, to winners. \$1 entrance per pair. Unlimited entries.

All the above competitions will be played on the Old Course, and all are open to members and subscribers.
The first and second can be played for on the same round, but separate cards must be taken out before playing.

BRITAIN'S BEST PLAYER.

Harry Vardon (Six Times Open Champion) writes:—

There can be no question as to who is the outstanding British golfer at the dawn of the season. Abe Mitchell has begun the round of big affairs in a manner worthy of the player who is to captain our team in the United States this year. He was a class by himself in the tournament at Roehampton. One can say this without detracting from the performance of Ernest Whitcombe, who made a wonderful fight in the final after having appeared to be in a hopeless plight, but who has not quite Mitchell's

RACING.

LATEST BETTING ON THE DERBY.

SICKLE FAVOURITE.

London, May 26. The following is the latest betting on the Derby (all taken and offered):—

9 to 3 agst. Sickle.
5 to 1 " Call Boy.
7 to 1 " Adam's Apple.
9 to 1 " Hot Night.
100 to 7 " Lone Knight.
100 to 7 " Money-maker.
25 to 1 " Damon.

—Reuter.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Half Yearly Meeting on June 10.

The half-yearly general meeting of Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room (Hong Kong Club Annex) on Friday, June 10, at 12.30 p.m.

blending of strength and elegance and control.

Ever more than Mr. Bobby Jones does Mitchell make the game look supremely easy, for while Mr. Jones is the acme of grace as he swings the club and a marvel of consistency, there are times when contemplation of the shots brings a puckering to his brow—an effect, which shakes the belief that it is all as simple and natural to him as his style suggests. Then why is it, we may reasonably ask, that Mitchell has not yet secured the Open Championship? Certainly it is not that he lacks the qualities as a score player which this event demands, even though he has built up his reputation very largely as the result of the fighting spirit which he shows when he has to face his opponents singly in matches.

It is the fact that he is the only first-class professional who invariably survives the qualifying stroke competitions which precede all the important tournaments, and he must have finished first in those events more often than anybody else. That is sufficient evidence of his ability at the score-play game. The truth is that the long-drawn-out test of four rounds of this grinding form of golf, such as the Open Championship exacts, has proved more than his physical condition could stand. Although he has said little about it, his health has been indifferent for some years. He came straight from hospital to resume the career of a professional golfer after service as a gunner in France, and could not quite recover his old fitness. His health has probably been better during the past year than for a very long while. For one thing, a private engagement which enables him to devote his attention to playing instead of looking after a professional's shop teaching all and sundry among the members who want lessons, and having to attend to the other requirements that are imposed by a position as professional to a club seems to have given him a new start in life.

No Relaxation.

I have seen it suggested that Mitchell takes too much out of himself in the eliminating rounds of championships by trying desperately hard to accomplish the best score instead of being content to qualify comfortably. If he really is in the improved health which most people who know him believe him to be, he will be able to stand the strain of hard work in the preliminary rounds before the final test. The whole history of the game goes to show that, in competitions, it is the man who never allows his concentration and determination to relax who attains greatness. It is the man who feels that the opportunity is ripe for taking things easily for a time—that he is quite safe, no matter what happens—who becomes so slack that, when he wants to get going again at his best, very often he cannot for the life of the game. The man who qualifies comfortably and is apt to be debilitating influences and insidious snares to a first-class player; they very seldom inspire him, as they do Mitchell, to keep his concentration tuned up to its best pitch.

Concerning the danger of slackening, even when the position looks secure, one remembers an object lesson. A player stood a good many holes up at the end of the first round of a final. Some officials put it to him that he need not go and win by about 10 up and 3 to play, because all the people would catch an early train home, and the prize-distribution ceremony would be spoilt. Whilst trying to keep his lead with halves in the afternoon it was a thing that anybody might have done without being asked—he jogged along so easily that he soon lost several holes. Then, when he tried to produce his best game again, he found that he could play hardly one shot well. He was beaten.

Mitchell is certainly a very wonderful hitter of a golf ball, and the more one sees of him the more convinced does one become that he can play every shot. When he was an amateur, as, for instance, when he met Mr. John Ball in the final of the Amateur Championship at Westward Hol in 1912, it was commonly said of him that he could not "stop" to his "iron" shots. There may have been ground for the criticism at the time, but it is certain that nobody would pass such judgment to-day. He is the finest British golfer of his generation.

LAWN TENNIS.

EXHIBITION DOUBLES GAME.

DISPLAY ONLY FAIR.

After several postponements, the exhibition doubles tennis match in aid of the pavilion fund of the Indian Recreation Club was played yesterday on the Hong Kong C.C. stand court, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn defeating Ng Sze-kwong and T. Honda by the odd set in five (6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4).

The tennis did not reach the high standard expected from four such well-known exponents. The reigning doubles champions of the Colony (the Rumjahns) were fully extended and in the fifth set they were down by 4-2.

Ng Sze-kwong gave, by far, the best all-round exhibition, but received little support from his partner who was off form.

To-day's Match.

The match between the Chinese R.C. and the Indian R.C. in the "A" Division of the local League is down for decision to-day on the former's courts.

It is expected that the result will go, a long way toward deciding the senior championship this year.

The teams will be:—

C.R.C.—Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa, M. K. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung, M. W. Lo and Yew Man-kit.

I.R.C.—S. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Rumjahn, I. M. Razack and H. D. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail and J. A. Cassumbhoy.

FRIENDLY GAME.

K.C.C. v. Kai Tak Aerodrome.

A friendly game of lawn tennis between teams representing the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kai Tak Aerodrome took place on the K.C.C. ground on Wednesday evening, the visitors winning by 10 games—7-1 to 6-1.

Lieut. J. H. Dale and Lieut. J. M. Healing (Aerodrome) beat E. Abraham and C. H. Atkins 8-3, beat N. Ross and E. J. Gill 9-2, beat J. C. Lyal and F. E. Lawrence 8-3, 25-3.

Lieut. C. G. Trencham and Lieut. A. M. R. Keene (Aerodrome) lost to Abraham and Atkins 1-10, beat Ross and Gill 7-4, lost to Lyal and Lawrence 4-7, 12-21.

Lieut. K. W. Beard and Lieut. C. G. Couper (Aerodrome) lost to Abraham and Atkins 2-9, beat Ross and Gill 6-5, 14-19.

Lieut. N. R. C. Munro and Leddra (Aerodrome) beat Abraham and Atkins 6-5, beat Ross and Gill 8-3, beat Lyal and Lawrence 6-5, 20-13.

Totals: Kai Tak Aerodrome 71; Kowloon Cricket Club 61.

SWIMMING.

LOCAL RESIDENT FOR CANADA.

BID FOR \$25,000.

Mr. A. M. May, a well-known local swimmer and member of the Victoria Recreation Club, will be among the 500 competitors, including some of the best swimmers of Canada, the United States and the World in general, who will compete in a big 21 mile open swimming contest to be held in Canada at the end of August.

The contest is to take place in Lake Ontario, near Toronto, over the distance mentioned, and the first prize is about \$25,000 (Gold).

Mr. May has an excellent local record. He was third in the Harbour Race last year, won it the year before, and was placed second in previous attempts. He has, of course, won many bath events at V.R.C. night feasts, etc. Further he has youth on his side, being only 20 years of age.

When only nine years of age he swam around Stonecutters Island three times, the total distance which he covered being about 12 miles.

Mr. May has just completed his apprenticeship with the Hong Kong Electric Company, and is going to Canada next month, where he intends taking a job. It was after deciding to go to Canada, that he learned about this race and made up his mind to enter.

BASEBALL.

STORM WRECKS A GRAND STAND.

Norfolk, Va., May 26.

A seventy-mile-an-hour wind wrecked the Grand Stand at the Portsmouth baseball ground, while the game was in progress.

One man was killed and over fifty injured by the storm, which blew off the roof of a railway warehouse, killing four persons.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME CRICKET.

LANCASHIRE DEFEAT GLAMORGAN.

LOCAL COLLAPSE.

London, May 26. Playing at Swansea, Lancashire defeated Glamorgan by ten wickets. Lancashire went to the wicket first and ran up a score of 293, toward which Green contributed 78. Glamorgan collapsed against Tyldesley's bowling and were all dismissed for the low score of 93 runs. Tyldesley took four wickets for the loss of only 16 runs.

Following on, Glamorgan fared better, their innings realising 208, of which Bell made 55. With only one wicket down for 2 runs Lancashire ran out easy winners.

Scores: Lancashire: 293 and 11 for one. Glamorgan: 93 and 208.—Reuter.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND'S BIG WIN OVER FRANCE.

A HUGE GATE.

Paris, May 26. In glorious weather and before a crowd of 25,000 England defeated France at football by six goals to nil.—Reuter.

GERMAN CULT.

A GREAT NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

Berlin, April 7.

The process of turning a military into a sporting nation is proceeding apace in Germany. Interesting sidelights are constantly being thrown on the great national effort. This spring the annual exhibition of the "Secession" artists displays only pictures painted to the slogan "Sport." This covers every form of action—set against land or sea-scapes, sailing, fishing, hunting, boxing, and every imaginable form of ball-game. The most remarkable fact about it is the willingness of "Secession" painters to accept the parole. This most violent and anti-academic body was started as a protest against official belief that the portrayal of the subject was more important than the manner. To-day it seems to be taking pains to show sporting efficiency in detail.

"Sports Advice Centres" are to be erected in several districts now that the first institution of this kind, in one of Berlin's most populous boroughs, has proved a success. "Sport as Medicine" is the watchword of this enterprise. It has been found that in the new zeal for health and beauty at all costs anemic girls have been overstraining their hearts and young men overdoing it all round by taking up too many strenuous forms of exercise at once. Medical advice as to physical fitness is free of charge, so that fainting fits after swimming and collapse after boxing will occur no longer. These bureaux are very necessary. German talent for organisation at once makes itself felt whenever two or three enthusiasts meet. Matches involving strenuous training are played by amateurs in no wise fitted for them by their ordinary occupation.

The intention to follow in England's footsteps in yet another matter, that of the week-end, is full of pitfalls also. The open is demanded not for the leisured classes only but for the whole nation. The Social-Democrats deserve the heartfelt thanks of a nation for their restrictions upon Sunday trading, the regulation of hours for closing offices and shops, the opening up of great mixed-bathing places on lake-sides, and the like. They have not yet succeeded in instituting an early closing day in the week, but there is a movement on foot to make Saturday afternoon a poor man's holiday too. If this succeeds it will be the biggest revolution Germany has ever experienced.

That some success in improving the national physique has already been attained is attested by the bespoke tailoring trade, which has been obliged to rule out all pre-war stock sizes for men. There are only two kinds of waist measurements to be considered—those which have developed to several times the size demanded during the war and after, and those which are several times as small.

After an exciting chase lasting for an hour they were captured and taken to the police station. The raiders then made a four-mile climb up one of the steepest and narrowest paths on the hill to the smugglers' den in a large cave, which they surrounded and entered.

Inside they discovered and took possession of 800 gallons of illicit liquor, valued at between \$30,000 and \$40,000.



Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of England, photographed on the grounds of his home, Astley Hall, in Worcestershire.

DEATH AT TENNIS.

WEALTHY NEW YORK BANKER COLLAPSES.

New York, May 26.

The death had taken place suddenly, while playing tennis at his country home in Long Island, New York, of the well known American banker Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, whose fortune is estimated at between thirty and forty million dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Harry Payne Whitney was born in New York, April 1872 and married in 1896 the daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. He was educated at Yale. He entered life early in the theatrical business becoming the director of Metropolitan Opera and Real Estate Company. Later he became a director of several other large concerns, among them the Westchester Racing Association, the Montana Power Company, the Whitney Realty Company, the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation, the Saratoga Racing Association and the Guaranty Trust Company. He was a member of a number of sporting clubs, among them the Royal Thames Yacht Club.]

A SMUGGLER'S CAVE.

DISCOVERY ON PENANG HILL.

Penang, May 19. A large haul of dutiable liquor was made last night at Penang Hill, in the course of which revolver shots were exchanged.

The raiding party consisted of the Assistant Government Monopoles; Chief Detective Inspector Lucey, Inspector Fowler and European officers of the Monopoles.

A Desperate Character. The raid started at six o'clock in the evening and lasted until eleven at night.

Two Chinamen, who, it is alleged, have been engaged in liquor smuggling for over a year, one being a desperate character, wanted for gang robbery, were ambushed in a doorway as they were descending the hill carrying dutiable liquor to a motor-car waiting at the foot.

Inside the Cave. After an exciting chase lasting for an hour they were captured and taken





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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Members of the English Folk Dance Society performed at the Basque National Festival at Bayonne, France.

The sub-postmasters' conference at Aberdeen decided to ask for an increase of from one to four guineas in the rent for telephone cabinets.

Costing more than £20,000 the new wing of Ardingly College, near Haywards Heath, Sussex, has just been completed, and will be opened next month.

Burglars visited St. Paul's Church, Onslow-square, South Kensington, S.W., but in spite of a prolonged search departed empty-handed.

To create increased efficiency of the staff, inspectors in plain-clothes are to check tickets on L.G.O.C. omnibuses, and also regulate the time of the omnibuses.

Girl at Willesden Police Court; I married a soldier at Christmas and he has fought all my family—my father and mother and all my brothers—as well as myself.

The new cruiser minelayer "Adventure," the only sea-going ship in the Royal Navy designed primarily for mine laying, was commissioned for service at Devonport Dockyard.

Summoned at Walsall for non-payment of income tax, a man said he had been posterized with forms from the authorities in Walsall, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and Birmingham.

Owing to a fire extinguisher being upset by a child in a Glasgow cinema some of the audience became frightened, and in a rush made by some people for the exits one woman was hurt.

Chief Constable Keith, of Lanarkshire, stated that there was so much drunkenness on the part of visitors in the village of East Kilbride on a Sunday that none of the police officers could attend church.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has received an anonymous donation of £4,000 for the Seaman's Orphanage, founded in 1869 by Shipowners, for the children of sailors lost at sea and to assist their widows and other relatives.

Malpas, Cheshire, Rural Council have re-elected Mr. Evan Langley, aged 85, chairman for the 26th successive year, and Mr. Herbert Weller has been appointed chairman of Egham, Surrey, Urban Council for the 14th time.

A return of London rates shows that Westminster is the lowest for the half year with the rate of 14s. 10d., and Poplar the highest with 12s. 6d.

While playing football at Scarborough Norman Wrightson, aged 15, was struck on the head by the ball and died in hospital a few hours later.

Lilly and George Waters, aged respectively 14 and 10, missing from their home in Roland Park-avenue, Westcliff, were found sleeping in a packing-case outside a shop in Southend.



Dr. J. H. Van Royen, newly appointed Minister from the Netherlands, photographed shortly after his arrival in Washington to assume his new duties. Dr. Van Royen has had wide diplomatic experience, having represented his country at several important capitals.

The London to Constantinople air line, which opens at the end of this month, will be the longest air route—2,000 miles—in Europe and will bring Constantinople within 70 hours of London.

Dr. James Hight, of Canterbury College, University of New Zealand, and Sir George Elliot, Chairman of the Bank of New Zealand, have been appointed to be New Zealand members of the International Economic Conference at Geneva.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Brooks, of Sholden, near Deal, was badly burned through an explosion when she was washing clothes.

While playing in a golf match at Glenageary, Portliff, Mr. Thomas Millar, telegraph over-seer, Edinburgh, collapsed and died.

The Southern Railway states that in the night service between London and Paris by way of Havre a saving of 1 hour 24 minutes has been made.

Rosary beads manufacturers in the Irish Free State have applied to the Tariff Commission in Dublin for a tax of 3s. 1½ per cent. on imported beads.

Sergeant John Thornton, of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard, who for several years accompanied Lord Carson, died at Margate after a short illness.

The average age of the King's Bench judges is given by a contributor in the Law Journal as 59; the Court of Appeal, 66½; Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, 73.

A new Roman Catholic church which cost £12,000 was opened at Genoa Road, Anerley, S.E., by the Right Rev. P. E. Amigo, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark.

Twenty-five former stallholders in St. Ann's Road, N., from which Tottenham Urban District Council ejected street traders, have set up stalls in Colina Road, not far distant.

Reginald L. Howard, a seaman, of Mr. N. Denbigh, Billing's Yacht "Freedom," was reported missing after the vessel had encountered heavy seas off Beachy Head.

Following the imposition of the new duty on tobacco, packet and loose tobaccos sold by the big multiple shop firms were ½d. an ounce dearer; other smaller firms took no action.

At the funeral at Tilmanstone, Kent, of Admiral Sir Ernest Rice, who was in his 88th year, the mourners included Mr. Lionel Rice, his only surviving brother, who is 83.

Among the passengers to Paris in the Handley Page-Napier air-liner from Croydon were Mrs. Houghton and Miss Houghton, wife and daughter of the American Ambassador to Great Britain.

A French naval pinnace which was carrying provisions to the Sanguinaires lighthouse, off the Corsican coast, sprang a leak and sank, only one of her complement of five being saved.

A Labour conference for the State of New South Wales, which was attended by Mr. Lang, the Premier, has passed rules to change the existing Labour organisation into a Communist one.

At Dublin when James Duff was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for being drunk in charge of a pony and trap it was stated that when signalled to stop he drove on through a crowd of children.

Brother Sir Louis Newton, Bt., opened for the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes the new orphanage, Grove House, Harrogate—a mansion and estate of 73 acres recently purchased for £16,000.

During a football match at Aldershot the ball landed in the topmost branch of a 60ft. tree, and Arthur Buckley, aged 11, climbed the tree and retrieved the ball and was rewarded with a shilling.

Five of the officers accused of attempting last year to overthrow the Government of General Primo de Rivera were sentenced to six years' penal servitude, and another, Colonel Barcia, to eight years.

The coal output from British mines for the week ended April 9 was 5,294,400 tons, and the men employed numbered 1,023,300—an increase respectively of 238,800 tons and 2,100 men on the previous week.

At a Nottinghamshire inquest it was stated that a motorist, in trying to avoid an oncoming motor-car, the lights of which were described as "absolutely blinding," ran his own car into a telegraph pole and was pitched out and killed.

For a breach of the Factory and Workshops Act, the Co-operative Wholesale Society were at Manchester fined £5, John Pitchford having been caught in inadequately fenced machinery and seriously injured.

The East Yorkshire Farmers' Union have passed a resolution requesting the National Farmers' Union to formulate a national scheme for regulating markets in order to bring about the economic recovery of British agriculture.

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From	SATURDAY, MAY	Per
Shanghai	28	Sunning.
Straits	29	Hakozaki Maru.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	29	Pres. Pierce.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	FRIDAY, MAY	Per	27
Sam Shui & Wuchow	Kochow	4.30 p.m.	
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	SATURDAY, MAY		28
Haiphong	Tonkin	2.30 p.m.	
Swatow	Changchow	2.30 p.m.	
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Sinkiang	2.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Anhui	5 p.m.	
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Trebartha	5 p.m.	
Siberia	Prominent	5 p.m.	
Saigon		5 p.m.	
	SUNDAY, MAY		29
*Swatow & Bangkok	Kynging	8.30 a.m.	
Haiphong	Yingchow	8.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kafo Maru	9 a.m.	
	MONDAY, MAY		30
Swatow	Yusang	8.30 a.m.	
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Hakozaki Maru	10.30 a.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Chicago Maru	12.30 p.m.	
Sandakan	Hin Sang	1.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Sunning	5 p.m.	
	TUESDAY, MAY		31
Haiphong	Cheongshing	8.30 a.m.	
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Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Hai Ning	1 p.m.	
Amoy	Kut Sang	5 p.m.	

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O.S.K. SUED.

DEFENDANTS' PLEADINGS QUESTIONED.

JUDGE'S ADVERSE COMMENT.

In the course of concluding legal argument at the Supreme Court in which the O.S.K. are sued by their Chinese landlords in respect of Hong Kong property of which they were tenants, His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) commented adversely on the pleadings of the defendants in regard to their position in law. The effect of one clause in the proceedings was, he stated, "rubbish."

When the case opened, Mr. Sheldon (for the defence) wished to put in a copy of a bill sent by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist to Mr. Yamasaki which bore on the question as to who was the lessee according to the lease in question. The bill, stated counsel, proved the existence of a document executed by Mr. Yamasaki and the O.S.K. It was a declaration of trust by Mr. Yamasaki in which he assigned the lease from himself to the Company.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (for plaintiffs) argued that no statement between Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist and Mr. Yamasaki or between them and the defendants could be put in against plaintiffs, in the absence of the actual document itself, the existence of which could not be proved. The bill by itself proved nothing.

Mr. Sheldon commented that the document was executed by Mr. Yamasaki as beneficiary of the lease and as such was evidence that he was the lessee.

Evidence Rejected.

His Lordship said that in the absence of the actual document, he would have to reject the bill as evidence.

Mr. Sheldon then made final submissions in regard to his claim that Mr. Yamasaki personally, and not the O.S.K., were the lessees of the premises. Having regard to the absence in the execution of the lease of the corporate seal of the Company or of any evidence that Mr. Yamasaki signed this deed under power of attorney, counsel claimed that it was clear that he signed it on his own behalf.

His Lordship commented that Mr. Potter's claim was that the defendants were estopped from denying that they executed an option under the lease. Supposing the defendants had exercised an option under the lease, the defendants' case was that the lease was to Mr. Yamasaki and he only. At the time the letter had been written in respect of which it was alleged by the plaintiffs that there had been an estoppel, the lease to Mr. Yamasaki had expired. There was no allegation that Mr. Yamasaki had at any time exercised this option. Could it be argued that what the defendants did when they wrote the letter in question would constitute them tenants under the lease?

A Monthly Tenancy?

Mr. Sheldon argued that it could not be because they had had no option to exercise. The defendants were either holding over at the expiration of Mr. Yamasaki's lease or else when they entered the premises they were in some kind of tenancy which had to be determined from the circumstances of the case but which it was the defendants' case was a monthly tenancy and had been from the very beginning.

His Lordship commented that he would understand the argument of the defendants in this regard if it was maintained that Mr. Yamasaki was their trustee and that in the absence of exercise of option by him, then and for the first time the defendants became tenants on new terms by the entering into the premises and the payment of rent. But the effect of paragraph 7 of the defendants' pleadings was "rubbish." It could not be supported in law that if as was argued, the plaintiffs as landlords had had two tenants of the premises they were bound by inconsistent liabilities.

After Mr. F. C. Jenkin (briefed with Mr. Potter for the plaintiffs) had replied, His Lordship reserved judgment.

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MISSING WOMAN.

BODY DUG UP IN MUD FLATS.

2-MONTH OLD MYSTERY.

On April 5 a Chinese woman disappeared from her hut in the Castle Peak district. Her husband explained this by saying that she had run away with another man. Rumours of foul play were soon spread by the neighbours, and the woman's brother believing there was some truth in the rumours, informed the police. The husband was questioned and not being able to give a satisfactory explanation for his wife's disappearance he was arrested, and having made a formal appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell early this week, is now in custody pending further investigation by the police. Faced with the problem of proving a charge of murder against the accused without being able to produce the dead body, the police have been busy during the last few days digging the mud flats in the vicinity of the accused's house. First the whole of his garden was turned up but nothing was found. Instead of being discouraged, the police became more determined to solve the mystery and were prepared to dig up the whole village if necessary. Holes were dug and refilled everywhere within a large radius of the accused's hut, but the police were nowhere nearer the solution of the mystery until yesterday morning when a pair of female trousers was dug up. This caused the police to redouble their efforts and every available man from every district was concentrated on the Castle Peak mud flats.

The diggers worked unceasingly and towards evening their labour was rewarded when the body of the woman with a piece of rope round the neck was unearthed by the gang of diggers working under the direction of Sergt. Rozeksky of Vanchai Police station. The body was removed to the Kowloon mortuary for identification and thus was closed the first chapter of what promises to make history for local criminal investigation.

Earlier Evidence.

Opening the case for the defence yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. G. Sheldon denied that the O.S.K. had executed the lease, as claimed by plaintiffs' counsel. The only possible way the Company could have executed the deed would be their corporate seal on the document, or by their authorised attorney. The highest that the Company could go under the lease, he submitted, was that they were beneficiaries and Mr. Yamasaki was the trustee. Counsel further claimed that the tenancy was a monthly one and that the O.S.K. had been right in quitting on such short notice.

Evidence was given by the present manager of the O.S.K., who, in answer to cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin, admitted that he had signed a letter in reply to a demand on the part of the landlords for an increase of rent. In this reply, defendant admitted that he had claimed that the lease was still effective in order to avoid the increase.

In reply to His Lordship, witness said that Mr. Yamasaki was a former manager who was last in Hong Kong seven or eight years ago.

Questioned as to whether Mr. Yamasaki signed the lease for himself or the Company, witness said, after hesitation that it was on behalf of the Company.

His Lordship—Why are you trying to get away from this lease? It was signed for your Company. Why don't you want to carry it out?

Witness explained that they did not want to stay in the premises because certain repairs had not been carried out, and because the plaintiffs told them they are only monthly tenants.

Mr. Jenkin explained that in the correspondence the whole matter of repairs had been left to Messrs. Leigh and Orange, and an arrangement came to with regard to payment, but the whole matter was dropped.

In reply to His Lordship, Mr. Jenkin admitted that the repairs had not been carried out.

The case was adjourned and will be continued to-day.

NEW AGE.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN ASIA.

GRATIFYING PROGRESS.

Geneva, May 26.
In his presidential speech at the Labour Conference Mr. Chatterjee emphasised the large number of workers in Asia and the rapid development of industry and manufacture there on modern lines. Therefore it would be a mistake for the International Labour Organisation to concentrate its attention too exclusively on Europe and America.

He declared that it was most gratifying that both in Japan and India the principles of industrial legislation had been accepted not only by all political parties but by employers and workers. The existence of the Labour Organisation guaranteed that the principles of labour embodied in the Treaty of Versailles would not be lost sight of. He concluded by expressing the belief that the organisation would make a valuable contribution toward harmonising the serene attitude toward the life characterising the East with the strain and stress of the new age. (Applause).—Reuter.

ARMS CONFERENCE.

NEW ZEALAND APPOINTS DELEGATES.

London, May 26.
New Zealand has appointed the High Commissioner in London, Sir James Farr, and Viscount Jellicoe to represent it at the three-Power Armaments Conference opening at Geneva on June 20.—Reuter.

BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY.

London, May 25.
Britain and France are raising their legations at Buenos Aires to embassies. Sir Malcolm Robertson is the first Ambassador.—Reuter.

[Sir Malcolm Arnold Robertson has been Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Buenos Aires since 1925.]

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